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TRAGEDY MUST NOT BE REPEATED

This is the image of the bright and bubbly Rachel Cheesewright her family best remember her by; and the photo which sits in pride of place on their mantelpiece.

Now it is hoped her tragic death will prompt a review of police procedures in responding to accidents to prevent any repeat and further agony to other families. Miss Cheesewright's father, Tony, hits out at the police's investigation into her daughter's death. **FULL STORY - PAGE 3**

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY ED HILL

PRESSURE on police to slow down their high-speed response to emergencies in the light of the tragic death of Rachel Cheesewright has reached the House of Commons.

Miss Cheesewright, 29, was killed when her car was 'torn in half' after a police patrol smashed into her as it was speeding to an incident in October 2005.

Police driver PC William Purse admitted hitting speeds in excess of 100mph as he drove along the A28 at Bethersden as he and a colleague responded to a domestic incident in Tenterden.

Mother-of-one Miss Cheesewright was pulling out of a side road after completing her shift as a barmaid at the Bonny Cravat pub in Woodchurch. Such was the speed of the police car she had no chance and although the police car braked hard, it struck her while still travelling around 75mph.

Although an inquest into her death held in Dover returned a verdict of 'accidental death' on Friday, her family has vowed to keep on fighting – launching a private prosecution against the police on behalf of Miss Cheesewright's 10-year-old daughter, Charlotte.

And now the case is set to reach the higher echelons of government after Liberal Democrat spokesman for transport, Lewes MP Norman Baker, called for a probe into the issue of so-called 'blue light' incidents – accidents involving emergency vehicles responding to call-outs.

Mr Baker told Yourashford: "The Rachel Cheesewright case might be a one-off tragic accident but I think we have all heard anecdotally of

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Trust pursues shift in status to foundation

■ BY ED HILL

THE WILLIAM Harvey Hospital is set to become more responsive to the needs and wishes of townsfolk after it was confirmed the trust which runs it is applying for foundation status.

Foundation trusts have been created to devolve decision-making from central government control to local organisations and communities and form a key part of the Government's commitment to decentralising public services.

Stuart Bain, chief executive of the East Kent Hospitals Trust, which is making the application, said: "This will give us more freedom to develop the services that meet the local community's needs. It will be a real opportunity for patients and staff to work with us to guide our future."

Local people can become members of the trust along with NHS staff and other partner bodies such as local authorities and universities.

He said: "We will still have to provide free healthcare at the point of delivery and meet all the current standards but we will be accountable to an independent group called Monitor rather than the Department of Health. Monitor takes a far more hands-off approach when it comes to regulating the trusts it covers."

"We have been going through a period of restructuring our services and achieving financial stability. Now we have made that progress we can make the application."

Perhaps most importantly, the trust will be able to reinvest any surplus money it generates back into its local services.

Mr Bain said: "In effect we will have a bank account and if we can generate a surplus we can save that money into the new financial year."

"It's a real opportunity for people to



Picture: ED HILL

FREEDOM: Decentralising the William Harvey hospital will mean the needs of the community can be more readily met, it's claimed

understand how the money comes into the organisation and have a say in shaping how it is spent."

The consultation began on Monday and will run through until April 12.

People can have their say by visiting the East Kent Hospitals Trust's website www.ekht.nhs.uk and clicking on the 'Foundation Status' link. Here they can learn more about what it means for local patients and fill out a consultation document.

There will also be public meetings where people can learn more about the proposed change to foundation status. The meeting in Ashford will be held on March 3 at 5pm in the Stour Centre.

It is hoped the trust will be granted foundation status by October this year.

'Police need to look at safety'

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other accidents that have involved emergency vehicles.

"I want to get a handle on how many accidents involve blue lights and whether or not we, as a nation, have to re-examine our policy on the use of lights and sirens by emergency vehicles."

It is a view echoed by Ashford MP Damian Green – whose constituency office is close to the crash scene.

He told us: "The police will need to look again at safety standards and the most effective way of officers travelling at speed when they need to."

The inquest, held before a jury at Dover Coroner's Court, heard at the speed the police car was travelling, Miss Cheesewright would not have had the patrol car in her field of vision as she pulled onto the A28.

Mr Baker said: "I have my suspicions this is not an isolated incident and if it's not we need to dig deeper to see if there are common factors."

"If there are a large number of people being killed or seriously injured in blue light accidents involving police in particular, then we have a responsibility to look at the policy."

"It is time that we tried to pin down the number of these cases. We need to try and take things forward from the current situation."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Could cab costs be set to increase?

THE council has begun the process of the annual review of the area's licensed taxi fares – and it looks likely they could be set for a five per cent price hike.

Members of the licensing committee will discuss the issue on Friday.

At the moment a two-mile journey in the borough costs £5.10. This will increase to £5.40 if the proposed rise is agreed. There could also be a surcharge added for taxi rates on Sunday.

Pub dines out on hot stone cooking

THE Hop Pickers pub in Hothfield has launched a new dining experience – by serving up grub prepared on super-heated natural volcanic stones.

The food is then cooked on the stones that are heated to 400 degrees centigrade.

Hop Pickers chef Tyrone McGee said: "You have to taste it to believe it. It is a great bit of kit. I have never ever had a customer criticising it – not one."

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Father's fury over handling of death smash

Family pledge legal action after Rachel inquest

EXCLUSIVE

BY ED HILL

THE FATHER of Rachel Cheesewright has slammed the police's role in his daughter's death and its investigation into the high-speed crash.

And he has called into question the impartiality of the Independent Police Complaints Commission's decision to re-examine the case following the inquest into the 29-year-old, mother-of-one's death, which concluded in Dover on Friday.

Tony Cheesewright, from Kennington, told Yourashford the family would launch a private prosecution against the police despite the coroner's verdict of accidental death.

He said: "Rachel was caught by a guy who was driving too fast and that is what this case is all about.

"They won't apologise for anything and I don't want any apology. I have lost all respect for the police in this country.

"In the year my daughter died there were 45 deaths involving police cars and emergency calls.

"These are so-called highly-trained, high-speed response vehicles of the police. They are not. They are cowboys. I don't believe they have the discipline.

Bizarre

"The whole reason we are doing it is because we want to get something for my grandchild's future.

"The statement by Independent Police Complaints Commissioner Nicola Williams that the IPCC has not ruled out the possibility of disciplinary action against police officers involved, either directly in my daughter's death, or in the subsequent investigation, I find to be both bizarre and perverse.

"Who is Ms Williams referring to? Is it PC William Purse, whose driving I believe killed Rachel, or is it other mem-

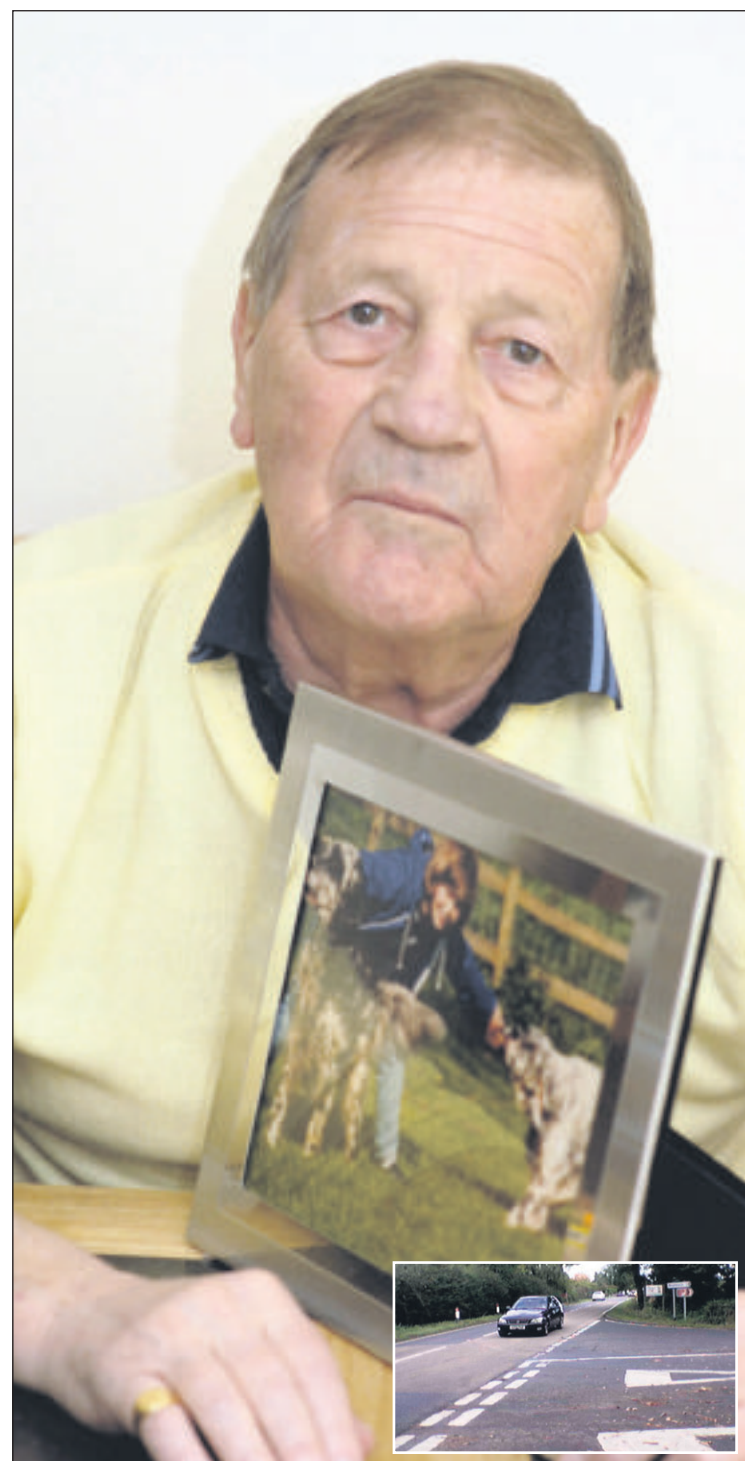
bers of the Kent police apparatus who conducted the enquiry into the fatal collision? Sadly, I am bound to say this statement by Ms Williams on behalf of the IPCC is worthless.

"There will be no honest or independent consideration as to 'whether any police officer should face disciplinary action in relation to the collision'.

"This is because in reality the difference between the IPCC and the police forces of England and Wales is indivisible. They may claim to be different peas, but they come out of the same pod."

A statement from Kent police following the inquest said simply: "The thoughts of Kent police are with the family of Rachel Cheesewright, who died in what an inquest jury has determined was a tragic accident.

"We take on board the verdict and await the final considerations of the Independent Police Complaints Commission that managed the investigation following the collision."



ANGUISH: Tony Cheesewright says he has 'lost all respect for the police' and (inset), the junction on the A28 where his daughter was killed

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After the inquest into Rachel's death, the family's solicitor speaks out

Brace yourselves for council tax hike

COUNCIL tax bills are set to rise by at least 3.9 per cent across the county after Kent County Council revealed how much they will be demanding from householders.

Announcing the budget on Monday, KCC leader Paul Carter revealed band D properties will be paying £1001.79 – and that is before Ashford council adds its costs.

For the KCC slice of the bill alone, it means an increase of £37.62 per home, per year.

Local council chiefs are set to confirm the final bill for the borough next month.

Charity event to help Bangladesh cyclone victims

THE High Commissioner of Bangladesh and MP Damian Green will be among the high-profile guests at a special fundraising event due to take place in Wye next month.

Local residents are organising the event, to take place on February 10, to raise money for villagers devastated by the cyclone which hit Bangladesh in November, killing at least 600 people and devastating homes and businesses.

Mahidur Rahman, who owns popular curry house Joshan of Wye said: "As a member of the Bangladeshi community I wanted to do something.

"I felt morally that, as human beings, if we have comforts in life, it is our duty to try and help others on humanitarian grounds.

"Wye is a lively village and many people wanted to get involved.

"I know the money we raise is tiny compared to the millions of pounds that governments and major charities are giving, but the effects will continue for years to come. If we can just

affect a few families then we have created a bond between us and those people."

Others attending will be the mayor of Ashford, Rita Hawes.

Parish councillor Brian Roberts, who is also helping to organise the event, said: "It has happened quite spontaneously. We are just a group of people who wanted to get together to do something, albeit belatedly.

"People are still homeless in their thousands and still without clean drinking water."

The event will take place in the Swanley Hall, which Imperial College are providing for free, from noon until 4pm.

There will be entertainment from the Wye Singers, the magician Ettiene as well as children from the local primary school and Bangladeshi musicians. A buffet of Bangladeshi food will be provided.

Tickets for the event cost £15 per head and can be bought at the Wye News shop, Tikityboo, the Joshan of Wye Restaurant or call Kathy Roberts on 01233 813229.

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Gateway visit for MP Grayling

THE Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions, Chris Grayling, visited the Ashford Gateway last week.

The visit was designed to find out how Kent County Council is tackling welfare dependency and preparing young people for work.

The MP was keen to find out about what was happening in the county and how it could affect future Conservative policy.

The Ashford Gateway in the Park Mall shopping centre brings together a range of services for the public such as health, adult education and business advice provided by groups including the council and the Shaw Trust and homeless charity Cyrenians. It was set up to make these services more accessible to the public.

Mr Grayling visited the centre where he chatted to benefit claimants who are being helped to return to work through the Kent New Opportunities for Work (NOW) programme.

Parking fines introduced

DRIVERS who flout the law by parking in spaces reserved for disabled drivers will get a nasty shock the next time they go to the ASDA store in Kimberley Way.

The company has decided to impose a £60 fine on customers that use the spaces who do not have blue badges.

They will also issue fines to people who park in the spaces reserved for mothers with young children.

The company will initially roll out the fines in the South East. The scheme will go nationwide in March. ASDA say the money raised will help pay for the scheme, the rest will be donated to charity.



CAR PARKS ENGULFED

THIS was the scene facing visitors to the new Stour Centre and Civic Centre last week after the River Stour broke its banks.

The heavy rain saw water flood into the car parks serving both buildings, forcing the road into the centre to be shut with part of it finding itself submerged under several inches of water, making it impassable.

The knock-on effect was even more demand for nearby car parks as council staff had to look elsewhere.

A council spokesman explained: "The car park is built on a flood plain so it was not a complete surprise."

The scene was repeated across the borough with standing water leaving many roads blocked.

One angry motorist from Smeeth said: "I drove through a deep puddle on a road leading on to the A20. I thought my headlights had failed - then I realised it was because the lights had actually gone under water."

Drivers suffer flood of nightmare events

MOTORISTS suffered 48-hours of hell last week as torrential rain, high winds, flooded roads and Operation Stack combined to leave them fuming.

And they were left counting the cost too as deep standing water on roads around the borough left many needing to pay to have water drained from their engines.

Motoring organisation the RAC reported calls last Tuesday - when the worst of the rain hit the borough - were up 108 per cent on normal for the town.

Many rural roads around Ashford became impassable, with the A28 to Canterbury closed between Ball Lane and Branch Road. Deep puddles remained on many roads for days afterwards.

The A20 at Sellindge was also closed in both directions because of a fallen tree.

A spokesman for the AA, which also found

■ BY ED HILL

itself deluged by call-outs, said: "The vast majority of this extra workload was the result of cars getting caught in floodwater or having problems in the heavy rain.

"Drivers should be extra careful, especially on rural roads in low-lying areas, and shouldn't be complacent. Standing water is a serious risk in terms of the stability of the car, and if you hit it too fast, it can wreck your engine.

"And use common sense if using sat nav - don't be a 'submarine commander' and blindly follow it into the water. If the road ahead looks flooded, it's best to turn back, unless you can be absolutely sure of its depth."

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15-16, it is estimated the county had over two thirds of the rainfall it would normally get throughout the whole of January.

Phil Scrivener spokesman for Kent Highways said: "We have bought in something called a

super sucker or gulley emptying vehicle. This does a much better job at clearing the drains than what we have used before.

"We are lobbying the government for funding to improve the drainage system. In Kent we have an antiquated system of drainage that dates back to Victorian times. Whenever we get these exceptional downpours they can't cope."

But the council says it cannot possibly pay for the replacement of that system without additional government funding.

Mr Scrivener said: "We have the tools for the job but the funding has to be found from somewhere."

The misery was compounded as Operation Stack was introduced on the M20 by Kent police as ferry crossings were delayed and then blocked by striking French fishermen.

At one stage the coastbound carriageway from junction eight at Leeds Castle all the way to Folkestone became a lorry park.

It was finally lifted in the early hours of Thursday morning.

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Motors TV's Steve Loader puts the Freelander 2 through its paces

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Matchmaker brings love to the older generation

■ BY ED HILL

SILVER surfers can now do more than just shopping and emailing online – they could find love too.

Businessman David Winston, from Tenterden, has launched what he hopes will be a honey-pot for the older generation looking to put a little spring in their step.

With a click of the mouse, his internet venture, www.greydate.com, hopes to become an online matchmaking service.

And the 57-year-old, who originally hails from California – home of the heart of the dot com boom, Silicon Valley – admits it was after chatting to his 83-year-old mum, who complained about losing her looks as she entered old age, which got him thinking about launching the site.

Mr Winston said: "I suddenly realised that we are all getting older and, while our bodies aren't what they used to be on the outside, inside we still have the same needs, feelings and emotions as we did when we were younger."

Experienced

It is all something of a departure from his normal line of business – repairing pianos. But he has vital experience in the sector – three years ago he met his Italian wife Barbara through the internet.

Mr Winston said: "The internet is still quite new to a lot of people over 50 and internet dating does have a certain stigma attached to it."

"I want our members to be able to feel comfortable using the site and to feel they can contact me about any concerns or issues they might have."

"We have tried to tailor the site especially for people who have never done this before and have been embarrassed or fearful about trying it."

"The truth is, the internet has made the world a smaller place."

Mr Winston says he is particularly anxious



SAFE: David Winston personally checks the profile of every member before allowing them to be posted

to ensure the site remains a safe place for silver surfers.

He personally vets every profile before they are posted on the site and removes any which seem at all suspect.

The site already has members from throughout the US, Australia, South Africa, China, Dubai and Sri Lanka as well as from the UK.

Mr Winston is offering free membership to the first 300 people who join the site, with rates costing from £10 a month from then on.

yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

Germany expansion for special protection group

A FIRM in the town that protects blue chip companies and wealthy individuals from kidnappings, extortion and terror threats is expanding into Europe.

The Inkerman Group on Elwick Road, which employs many former intelligence and military staff, is opening a new office in Cologne, Germany, to grow its international business.

The firm also carries out background checks on staff, advises on potential threats and has rapid response teams stationed around the world.

Gerald Moor, chief executive, said the move was the first phase of its expansion into mainland Europe.

He said: "Our clients in Germany are significant and it is largely due to their encouragement that we have taken this step to open new offices there."

"The company's intention is to continue with this first-stage expansion into mainland Europe as an integral part of our growth plans."

The company does not reveal the names of its clients because of the sensitivity of its work.

Baby death prompts warning from council

FOLLOWING the tragic case of a baby girl killed by boiling water overflowing from a tank in the loft, Ashford council is urging tenants to check their hot water systems.

The council says "a very rare but potentially serious scalding risk can arise from domestic hot water systems which include a fixed immersion heater in conjunction with a plastic cold water storage tank in the attic".

The case involved ten-month-old Rhianna Hardie, who was killed after boiling water poured through her bedroom ceiling because of a faulty immersion thermostat.

Council tenants who wish to report a faulty heating system should call 01233 330366.

Course cuts could be bad for business at college

BUSINESS courses currently run at Wye college are set to end this year.

The decision means an uncertain future for the college, which is owned by Imperial College in London.

Agricultural courses were stopped when Imperial took over the site in 2005.

It had been hoped that the business courses being run jointly by the University of Kent and Imperial would mean a long-term academic future for the college, however, only seven students took up the places for this year's courses.

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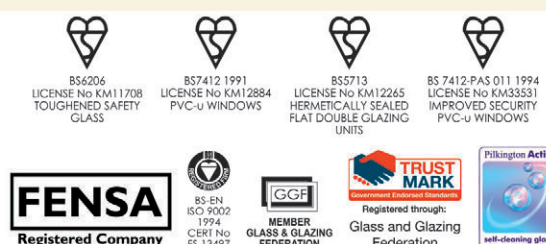
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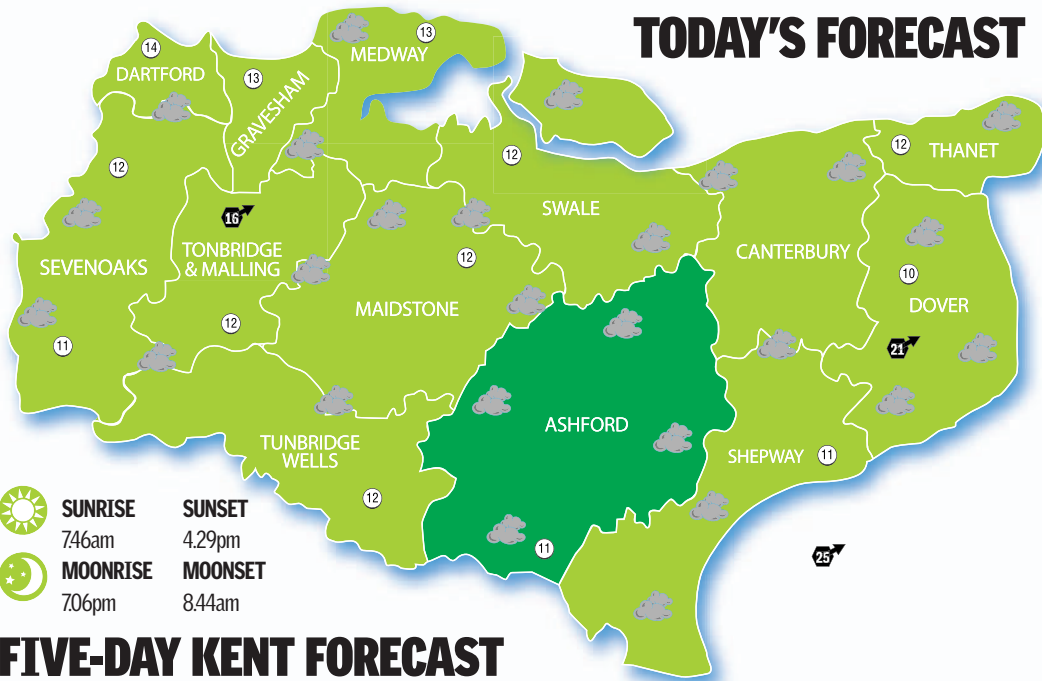


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	Sunday	2:44pm	6.1m
Dover	Saturday	12:17pm	6.5m
	Sunday	12:55pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:11pm	7.5m
	Sunday	12:52pm	7.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:47pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:25pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:53pm	5.8m
	Sunday	2:34pm	5.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:11pm	5.3m
	Sunday	2:52pm	5.3m

AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	11°C	Madrid	12°C
Athens	14°C	New York	-4°C
Barcelona	13°C	Paris	11°C
Beijing	-4°C	Rome	10°C
Bombay	28°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	10°C	Tokyo	5°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	6°C
Hong Kong	19°C	Warsaw	8°C
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FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	11°C	12°C	13°C	11°C	8°C	Gravesend	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Canterbury	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	Maidstone	12°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Chatham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Ramsgate	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C
Dartford	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	Rochester	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C	Sevenoaks	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C
Faversham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C	Tonbridge	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
Gillingham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Tun Wells	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C

Your design could win £2,000 for your school

FERRY operator Norfolkline is asking for primary school children across the county to help it name a mascot for its fleet of three new ships.

Later this year, the company plans to introduce entertainment for children on board vessels on the Dover-to-Dunkerque route.

The mascots will be on hand to entertain the youngsters during the two-hour crossing and the names can be just about anything, no cross-Channel or nautical theme is necessary.

To accompany all the entries to the competition – which is also being run by KOS Media, the publisher of this newspaper – contestants need to include a written description of how the mascot would appear as well as a potted history of the thoughts and ideas that have gone in to its creation.

The winning entry will win £2,000 for their school. Prizes of a return ferry crossing are also on offer to the runners up.

• See page 15 for more details.

Be spoilt for choice at the shopping centre

THE FASHION store Jane Norman is to open a shop at the new extension to County Square.

Frances Burt commercial manager at County Square said: "The store will really enhance the revitalised fashion retail mix at County Square and shoppers will be spoilt for choice when the centre opens in March."

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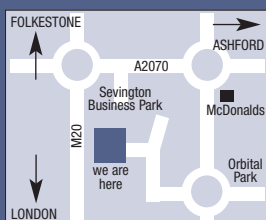
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QUESTION & ANSWER

DOMINIC KING



Q Give us a brief rundown of a typical day for Dominic King...

A Is there ever such a thing as a typical day? But I must admit I am a creature of habit so when I arrive at the BBC's studios in Tunbridge Wells I go and get myself a cup of BBC tea (then I remember it's awful and nip out to buy one with a real teabag in).

I check my emails and then look at what's happening in Kent and around the world, using the BBC's news resources. I might start off interviewing guests who will feature in the programme and clicking onto websites to see what people are talking about.

The best bit is seeing what music I'm going to play and I start to sort through my post to see what new releases I've been sent, or ideas someone has suggested for the programme.

Like most jobs I grab some lunch, usually 'al desko', curse the printer for running out of paper and then look forward to doing the show and heading home.

Q How much daily preparation goes into a radio show?

A It varies, but for a three-hour radio programme, you can expect to add about five hours of preparation, organising guests, and visiting locations across the county recording interviews. And you know what Kent's roads can be like, which is why my day is eight hours long and not three.

It's also one of those jobs where ideas pop up while you're out and about or on a day off, especially at weekends.

So I'll often send an email to myself from home to work, so I don't forget.

Q What is your passion in life?

A I love music and films but a passion for me is the countryside.

A good walk is something I really enjoy. You'll often find me wandering around Bedgebury Forest near Goudhurst, walking near Dungeness, or along Dover's promenade.

Q What is your worst habit?

A One bad habit is watching all the new movies, before my wife Amanda gets to see them, so she says "do you fancy seeing this one" and I annoyingly reply "I've seen it".

I recently watched five films on a plane back from Washington and as they are now being shown on Satellite TV, I'm again saying "I've seen that one".

Q If your house was on fire what would be the first material object you'd rescue (and why)?

A I would probably rescue my external hard drive, it's got family photos on and my favourite interviews I have done over the years.

Q Away from Radio Kent what are your hobbies and interests?

A Along with film and music I like fishing from time to time too. But I only occasionally catch anything.

Q Do you have any favourite films, TV shows or books?

A I love the Shawshank Redemption, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. It is an amazing film about life in an American prison. On the film's tenth anniversary I was lucky enough to speak to the director Frank Darabont, which was a real honour.

I have a signed publicity poster by him which is one of my prized possessions that would be the next item I would save from a fire.

I was also a big fan of the West Wing, and I loved 24. Not the BBC news channel, but the US drama starring Keifer Sutherland, and I currently like Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip and the BBC's The Tudors.

Q What is your favourite area of Kent?

A East Kent is my favourite place, because that is really home. I was born in Dover and lived in Folkestone while growing up. The Romney Marsh is a place I enjoy walking around, I love the Royal Military Canal and Dungeness is wonderful.

Q Do you see yourself ever calling anywhere other than Kent home?

A No never, I am certain about that and although I have worked in London, Kent is home, why move to another county when you have this one, the best county in Britain?

I mean that too.

QA

BBC Radio Kent's Dominic King talks to Rob Livingstone about his passionate love of walking around the Kent countryside, relaxing in front of the television and how a day in his life is far from average

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New recruit Julie continuing to keep Kent in the picture

BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHE is known to much of the county through her BBC radio programmes and as Invicta FM's inimitable eye in the sky – and now Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media to continue bringing you the Kent stories that matter.

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie will be out and about with a camera crew, working across our titles and providing content for our growing websites. And you can see for yourself what she's been up to on our free broadband site www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Yet despite being at the centre of the county's media for more than a decade, Julie says she never intended to go into broadcasting.

Having begun as a secretary in the sales department at the fledgling Invicta Radio in 1985, Julie had done a few voiceovers, but nothing could prepare her for the job she was offered out of the blue one day.

She said: "Invicta had this idea for the 'eye in the sky', but had no one to present it. I didn't want to do the role; I didn't know anything about the county's roads. I didn't even know how to get to Headcorn airfield.

"It was an almighty fluke that I became a broadcaster. I was just in the right place at the right time."



But soon thousands of drivers relied on Invicta's groundbreaking eye in the sky – a Cessna light aircraft nicknamed 'Jambuster Jerry' – to provide the latest updates on their daily commute.

But despite her popularity, Julie didn't endear herself to everybody on the county's roads.

Freelanced

She said: "When they were expanding the A249, near Detling, into a dual carriageway, it seemed to be taking ages. It became a bit of a running joke – we'd fly over every morning and say 'the A249 looks exactly the same'.

"Apparently some of the builders got so annoyed about it they spent the morning spelling out 'Up yours Julie' in cones. You could only read it from the air. Think how much they could have got done in that time."

After literally earning her wings –

Julie qualified as a pilot during her five years reporting from the air – she freelanced in front of the TV camera and guest-presented dozens of BBC shows until, in 2001, she was offered a staff contract and her own slot.

She said: "It was a magazine programme that reflected the people in Kent. If it was happening in Kent we would hopefully feature it on the radio. We covered all sorts of subjects during the years.

"I'll be continuing this sort of thing at KOS Media, across all the Yourkenttv channels. There is nothing like it at a regional level and it is definitely a fore-runner of things to come. I'm sure others will follow what we're doing here.

"The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and we can provide a platform. I think Yourkenttv.co.uk can plug into that spirit in the county. There are so many stories to tell."



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Ladies, defy gravity and get fit with confidence

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

WOMEN looking to get in shape for the New Year have been urged to try a fitness craze sweeping the country – pole dancing.

The gravity-defying dancing has long been seen as seedy and sleazy through its connections with gentlemen's clubs and strip joints.

But it has now moved out of the shadows, and is being recognised as a performance art and a fitness favourite for thousands of women nationwide.

Pole dance fans include Kelly Brook, Teri Hatcher, Lindsay Lohan and Kate Hudson.

Performers say it is a great way to lose a few pounds and get fit for women who are bored with the gym and want a fun way of developing their body tone, confidence, suppleness and flexibility.

Pole dancing schools are cropping up across the county and the art is being taught at several leisure centres.

Emma Smith, 24, a pole dance instructor at Topnotch, said: "I have a fitness background so coming out of my comfort zone and moving into pole dancing three and a half years ago was a big step for me, at that time nowhere did any classes and I wanted to be challenged."

"Maidstone took to it really well – I went from just two classes at the beginning to seven a week, teaching five different group levels."

Challenge

"I've now taken my classes to Tunbridge Wells. People there aren't taking to it quite as well as Maidstone, they still see it as sleazy but I'm hoping to overcome that, they're a tougher bunch to crack but I want a challenge and to change people's perceptions of it."

This fun form of performing art is proven to build muscle tone and confidence, while producing bundles of giggles along the way.

"This class is by far the most rewarding I



SHAPE UP: Jo Roper shows how to tone your body and improve confidence with the new fitness craze

teach, pole dancing is graceful and gymnastic.

"The results I have seen are amazing, some people have lost a lot of weight, others self esteem have shot up and it's helped people overcome back problems."

"It's really changed their lives," Miss Smith added.

Pole dancing is believed to have started in clubs in Canada in the late 1980s and only over the last two or three years has it been taken out of seedy strip joints and into dance studios.

Jo Roper, from The Goddess School of Pole Dancing, said: "I have women from 16 to 60 in my classes. Almost one in three girls has tried pole dancing and many have their own poles."

"I have girls who do business dinners, wedding parties and teach other women themselves. The demand wasn't there for pole dancing a few years ago, it is now."



BIG FAN: Kelly Brook keeps in shape by pole dancing

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MISS THIS MISS OUT
Hi, I'm Lisa, 30, blonde hair, attractive, love country walks, restaurants, socialising, cosy nights in, if you like the sound, then get back to me! Box 435104 ☎

SEARCHING MR RIGHT
Lively, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124 ☎

RAMSGATE REVIVAL
Honest, single, outgoing female, 31, 5'11", loves to go out and stay in with good company, DVDs etc, WLTm similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816 ☎

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ☎

TRAVEL HAPPY
Medway female, 36, 5'8", blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship Box 434372 ☎

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham Box 434374 ☎

NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 ☎

NEW TO THE AREA
Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY
Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 ☎

NICE PERSONALITY
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 ☎

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE
Hi I'm 37, 5'8", mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 ☎

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Hi, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to go out and have a laugh with. Box 435324 ☎

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 ☎

SAMTIMES YOU NEED A MAN
Sammy, 40 (just!), single Mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686 ☎

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 ☎

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY
Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 ☎

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 835533 ☎

SO MUCH TO GIVE, NO ONE TO GIVE IT TO
Friendly, easygoing, big beautiful woman. Hard-working single mum Eastbourne area. Box 819714 ☎

HAPPY NATURE
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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ☎

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Deen-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'11", likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 ☎

READ ALL ABOUT IT
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A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, winning, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 ☎

WHERE R U?
Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 ☎

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING
Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 803038 ☎

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Fun-loving, affectionate brunet, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 ☎

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 ☎

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN
Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 ☎

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 ☎

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincerity, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 ☎

HAND IN HAND
Romantic female, 46, 5'12", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship/more, with someone, 45-55. Ashford. Box 435456 ☎

BOWL A MAIDSTONE OVER!
Kind, loving female, 44, blonde, 5'4", medium/curvy build, likes reading, live music, countryside, walks, seeks similar, adventurous male for happy times together. Kent. Box 805846 ☎

ON AN EVEN KEEL
Even-tempered, kind female, 45, 5'2", slim, green eyes, brown hair, likes cinema, restaurants, walking, animals, seeks confident, romantic male for fun and maybe more. Box 378907 ☎

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 ☎

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Honest, trustworthy female, 45, medium build, 5'6", divorced, tired of being alone, seeking man to share life with. Box 823528 ☎

EASYGOING NATURE
Slim divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5'13. Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5'10 or above. Box 897419 ☎

AM I THE 1?
48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 ☎

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428633 ☎

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'12", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 ☎

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 ☎

BRIGHTEN UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 ☎

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 ☎

FUNNY GIRL
Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 ☎

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 ☎

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 ☎

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 ☎

ARE WE SOUL MATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for caring man to share life's ups & downs. Box 435768 ☎

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, hopefully more. Box 430854 ☎

STARTING OVER
Divorced lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", green eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH, I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592 ☎

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 ☎

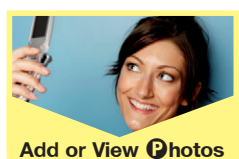
A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE
56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTm N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone. Box 412127 ☎

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection/TLC. Box 920739 ☎

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man Box 435308 ☎

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 ☎

DON'T PASS ME BY
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THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210 ☎

A CERTAIN SMILE
Peter, 38, 5'11", slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 ☎

DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY
Attractive, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wine/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each other's company. Box 434103 ☎

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG
Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/active, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first Box 434345 ☎

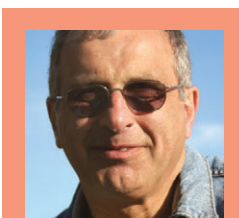
GENEROUS SPIRIT
62yr old petite, slim, blonde lady, 62, own home/car, GSOH, love classical music, dancing, holidays abroad, looking for a compatible, genuine gentleman for happiness. Box 435267 ☎

WISHFULLY YOURS
Romantic widow, 61 slim, young-at-heart, 5'6", green eyes/GSOH, honest, caring, tactile, likes dancing, beach walks, most things, WLTm genuine male, 40-60, anywhere in Kent. Box 815962 ☎

CHOOSE LIFE
Young looking, active lady, 61, slim and attractive, 5'8", likes gardening, travelling, seeks honest, tactile gent for friendship and good times. Box 811985 ☎

Women seeking women
WRITTEN IN THE STARS
Capricorn female, 48, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTm someone in Maidstone area Box 434547 ☎

DANCING IN THE STREET
Sociable Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunet, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun and more Box 435191 ☎



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

MEET AND MATCH AND MORE
Toby, 26, slim, muscular body, dark hair, green eyes, seeking any lady for fun, or even friendship/more. Box 435597 ☎

COUNTRY PLEASURES!
Young, adventurous, outgoing man, 32, enjoys outdoors, keeping fit and swimming, country walks, pubs, river walks and nights in, seeking a like-minded, cuddly female. Box 897215 ☎

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62yr old petite, slim, blonde lady, 62, own home/car, GSOH, love classical music, dancing, holidays abroad, looking for a compatible, genuine gentleman for happiness. Box 435267 ☎

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Women seeking women
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43 year old male, 5'6", black hair, brown eyes, fit and healthy, divorced with 2 kids, seeking someone, 25-45, who likes to go out/stay in Box 435386 ☎

LET'S GET PHYSICAL
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Easygoing 43yr old single dad, stocky build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262 ☎

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Handsome, well-balanced, Maidstone male, 42, medium build, enjoys cinema, music, restaurant, seeks pretty, spontaneous, slim lady, for all the good times ahead. Box 820901 ☎

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AVERAGE JOE SEEKS AVERAGE JO
I'm 45, 5'11", medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music and film, seeking a female 25-48 for romance. Box 435737 ☎

MIX N MATCH
Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTm adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940 ☎

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Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in the district of Ashford...

It's snow joke now we don't get much of the white stuff

What happened to proper snow? Not the stuff we have had for the last couple of years which appears overnight and by the afternoon has melted to nothing. I mean proper, long lasting, weeks on end, Trans-Siberian, SNOW!

A couple of weeks ago there was at least the prospect of some. People in my office were looking outside excitedly to see if the sleet that briefly appeared might start to lie properly. They talked of terrible snow-filled adventures of the past when they had to wear mittens joined by a piece of string.

The police even issued serious warnings to motorists to be prepared for the worst. This included extra clothing, a pick and shovel, tyre chains, food for three months, a wind up radio, a mobile phone, satellite navigation, a portable generator, a skidoo and, if you could get it into the back of your Fiat Panda, a yak.

And I wish the Met Office would stop issuing

these 'severe' weather warnings. It just gets everybody's hopes up unnecessarily; three times this year they have anticipated serious events that have come to nothing.

They should spend a bit less time warning people about the weather and more time predicting it.

Anyway, I don't want people warned; let's face it there's nothing like watching other people's valuables being swept down the middle of a flooded high street to really make one feel better about oneself, and the smart decision to buy a house somewhere else.

I know they have had some quite bad snow in the north of the country and I say lucky them. I don't think we have had a serious winter for at least 20 years now.

When I was a kid I remember snow being around till the end of March. Once we had a whole week off school. We spent hours sabotaging those boilers.

When else can you pelt someone with ice packed projectiles and not be done for assault; claiming it's all just a bit of fun?

When can I next stuff snow down the back of

my brother's jumper and tell him not to be such a wimp when he starts crying. He may be 42 but I'm still going to do it.

Winters must have been worse then. My Uncle Frank even used to have an old pair of snow shoes hanging up on the wall of the garage. The things that look like tennis racquets strapped to your feet. They must have been vital for his trips to the newsagents to get his St Bruno ready rubbed pipe tobacco.

We need snow. It breaks up the monotony of the long winters and helps to keep the rhythm of the seasons. In fact what happened to seasons? Now we just seem to have two. April to October is a weird mixture of spring and summer, or Sprummer as perhaps it should be called, when anything can happen from drought to a plague of frogs.

The rest of the year is a new season called grey.

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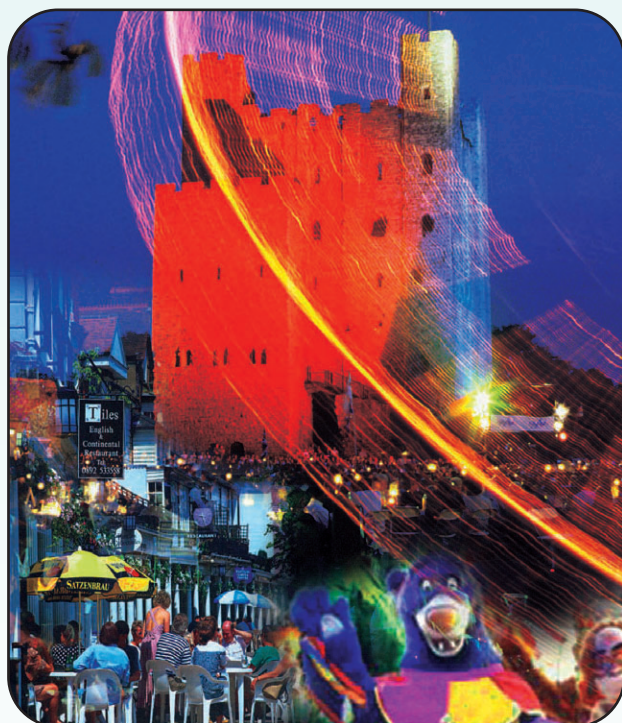
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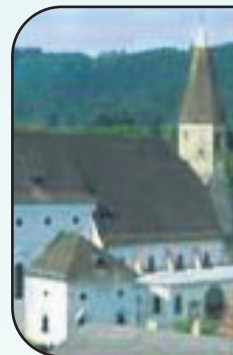
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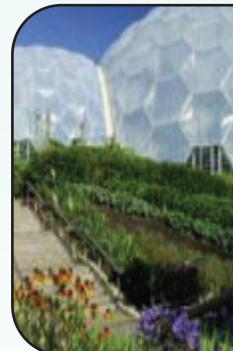
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Be amazed at the number of plants from around the world housed in the Eden Project's gigantic 'biomes' and marvel at the Lost Gardens of Heligan rediscovered after 70 years of neglect. Day tickets to both included. Staying at the 3* Cliff Head hotel (HB)



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CHILDREN IN NEED: Eleanor Meade is looking for people to look after and raise youngsters who have lost their parents

Could you provide a family and a future for foster children?

■ BY NICK AMES

FOSTER care agency Family Matters is on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency is run by husband and wife team Antony and Eleanor Meade and provides help and support to a network of carers.

Both part-time and full-time, the dedicated workers give their time and efforts to look after children who have lost their natural parents one way or another.

Mrs Meade explained she is looking for other people to take on the demanding but rewarding role in what is a business – but run like an extended family.

She said: "Family Matters says it all really – we offer support, training and expertise to our carers, who currently number around 30.

"Not all of them look after the children all the time and in some cases our carers look after more than one child in a family group situation.

"When emergencies happen we ensure everyone stays connected with each other.

"No carers or children are ever left alone."

The business was formed several years ago when Mr and Mrs Meade became concerned at the lack of support available to them in their own role as carers.

"Frankly what we were offered left a lot to be desired," said Eleanor. "Then a couple of

friends approached us and asked us if they could become carers as well. I almost said don't do it – but luckily stopped myself.

"It was then we decided to do the job ourselves.

"There are so many children out there who need this sort of help from people who will stick with them through thick and thin."

Now Family Matters is on a drive to recruit more carers across the county.

"We offer full training and generous recompense," said Mrs Meade.

"What we need is people who are enthusiastic, resolute and have lots of life experience. They also need to be both optimistic and flexible with their time and arrangements.

"We also require people who are prepared to work as part of a team.

"We welcome people from all walks of life, with all different views and beliefs. Anyone with any faith – or none at all for that matter is welcome to come alongside and work with us."

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In 2008, Norfolkline plan to introduce a new programme of children's entertainment on board all of their ships on the Dover-Dunkerque route and at certain times of the year the newly-chosen mascot will be on the ships to entertain children and families during the two-hour crossing.

Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

There are no other restrictions and 'Name The Mascot' suggestions

do not necessarily have to have a nautical or French theme.

To accompany all entries, Norfolkline and KOS Media would also like to receive an illustration of the number one choice of name – or all three choices if preferred – along with a written description and the history/ thoughts that have gone into coming up with the idea for a mascot's name.

Travel prizes of return ferry crossings with Norfolkline for a car and up to five passengers on the Dover – Dunkerque route will also be awarded to the runner-up and third-placed entries.

More information about Norfolkline operations can be found at www.norfolkline.com.

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TALK TIME

MARTIN TURNER

Owner of the Fair Trade shop in The Street, Kennington, talks about his store and the changing face of ethical shopping in the town



How long have you lived in Ashford?

I have lived in Ashford for around seven years; we actually live in Brabourne Lees. The business has been going for a year and three months. My wife and I became interested in Fair Trade because a friend of ours had been involved in it for about 20 years. She used to sell stuff at stalls and fêtes and was thinking of giving up. I had taken early retirement and I thought 'why don't we make fair trade goods available to the people of Ashford all the time?'. And so we found this shop. We are only one of two shops that are entirely dedicated to fair trade in Kent.

How does it work?

Our two main suppliers are Traidcraft and Tearcraft. They supply a lot of our stock but they also work with the producers back in the country of origin to help them set up their businesses and advise them on the things that people in this country want to buy. We also go to specialist suppliers for things like coffee. We sell food and craft items such as crockery, bags and toys. Nothing we sell comes out of a factory; it is all made by small producer groups and co-operatives. Some of the craft items are literally being made at the side of the road. It means the producers get a proper price for their goods which means they can have a decent standard of living.

How have the people of the town responded?

We have a lot of dedicated customers who come from quite far away to do their monthly shop. Although we are a bit out of town at least it is easy for people to park here. We seem to be getting more and more local people coming as well. People are keen to try it and seem pleased that we are here. It's important for people to know that when they buy something they are changing people's lives.

YOUR LETTERS



Traffic problems are a stack of bother

So let me get this straight. We have a day of high winds and rain and Operation Stack is brought back into action. Then just as the weather eases the French decide to go on strike.

And who pays the price? Those of us who live in Ashford and want to use the M20 to avoid going through the town centre – that's who.

The traffic problems in this town are bad enough already, without the added chaos of Operation Stack.

Glen Tredwell
Via email

When will town stop being a lorry park?

Just when will we be freed from the regular turmoil on our roads caused by Operation Stack?

The motorway is vital not only for those heading to the ports, but to those of us who live in and around Ashford.

But when it becomes trans-



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formed into nothing more than a glorified lorry park, getting to and from work or towards the coast becomes a nightmare.

Surely there must be a better way to accommodate the lorries

than putting them on a route so crucial to the town and such an attraction to those looking to move here?

Sarah Whittington
Mersham

Nuisance drivers worse than Stack

Operation Stack may be a nuisance, but surely the biggest danger facing us recently was the behaviour of some drivers?

In torrential rain, high winds and congested roads, people still insisted on driving at high speeds, driving through deep puddles so fast it sent water splashing over cars coming in the opposite direction, and generally acting in a stupid way.

Getting these people off our roads would be infinitely more useful to me than resolving the problems caused by Operation Stack. At least those lorries don't – or should that be can't – drive fast.

Gerald O'Brien
Kennington

Essential skills for driving (apparently)

I decided this year to make a different type of resolution.

After all, if I follow the pattern I would swear to give up something I enjoy or lumber myself with a regime of exercise.

So I decided to try to obtain some driving essentials that I don't appear to possess.

Therefore, I would be most grateful if your readers could point me in the right direction to enable me to purchase the following items so that my driving experience can be enhanced.

First on the list is a pair of those radar eyes that so many drivers seem to have, so that when the fog on the motorway is so thick, or the spray and rain so heavy that I can only see clearly for about four to five car lengths ahead, they flash past at motorway speeds as if it is a bright sunny day.



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The second I would dearly love to have is one of those new speedometers fitted to some cars so that when I am keeping to the speed limit for example through road works restricted to 50 miles-per-hour and my speedo is reading exactly that, cars are going past as if I am standing still.

Russell Mackinnon
Via email

Parking laws undergo huge new shake-up

■ BY ED HILL

A MAJOR shake-up of parking regulations has been given the green light by council chiefs – with higher fines and the use of CCTV cameras being rolled out to crackdown on motorists flouting regulations.

And a key change in the way fines are issued out may mean you don't realise you've fallen foul of a parking misdeed until you receive a letter in the post.

What's more it won't be a traffic warden you'll feel aggrieved with – but a civil enforcement officer, as the name for the parking patrolers are altered. The changes, which will come into effect on March 31, are part of the council's new 'parking patrol' initiative.



Council will claim out of drivers' pockets

The story in Yourashford last week about the new parking regulations amused me.

The council were complaining about the costs involved of setting up the new regulations in time for their introduction at the end of

March, yet surely they are the ones who will benefit from the additional penalty revenues?

While it may cost them an initial £58,000 to set up, I have little doubt they will be able to recoup those costs by using the new powers at their disposal – such as the use of CCTV cameras – to catch motorists.

Trevor Edwards
Willesborough

CCTV fines will run rings round drivers

The only problem this town faces with these new parking regulations is the danger that anyone using the ring road will find themselves getting a parking ticket.

If CCTV cameras are to be used to spot those cars stopping where they are not allowed to, the regular queues and hold-ups on the ring road with all the traffic works leaves thousands regularly 'parked' in the middle of the road for ages.

James Wright
Via email

ASDA recognises important work

This year, along with many of my Marie Curie nursing colleagues, I spent the festive period with a patient so that they could be at home with their family.

I am writing to say thank you to ASDA for kindly donating 250 gifts – luxury bouquets of flowers and an Olay Complete Moisturiser – to nurses, like me, who gave up time with their own families so that

someone with a terminal illness could spend their final Christmas at home.

Marie Curie nurses care for terminally ill patients 365 days a year – giving them the choice of staying where they feel most comfortable, surrounded by the people and things they love the most.

While it is an honour to share such a special time with patients, I thank ASDA for recognising the difference it makes to patients and their families.

Linda Damon
Marie Curie Nurse

Building lesson for future development

It was good to read in your paper last week there are plans for a new school for the Repton Park development.

However, with the huge growth in the area I wonder how long it will be until not only do we need more primary schools, but for another secondary school too?

If that is the case, I wonder just where it will be built?

Creta Lott
Westwell

High speed police must not patrol our roads

The tragic death of Rachel Cheesewright clearly highlights one thing to me – that whatever the situation, police cars should not be allowed to travel at such speeds.

Ian Waters
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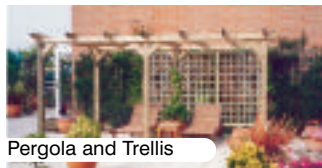


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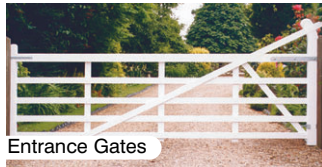


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Tune in to the Gaelic talents of Fred Morrison

CELEBRATE the life of Scotland's favourite son with a fun-packed Burns Night extravaganza.

Scots across the globe take time out to mark poet Robert Burns's presumed birthday, January 25, and the Trinity Theatre is offering a chance to celebrate in true Highland style.

Get the evening going with a whisky mac, glass of wine or soft drink, which is included in the ticket price, before the Royal Scottish Dance Society takes to the stage. Members of the Tunbridge Wells branch will be demonstrating the energetic and visually stunning dancing that makes such great entertainment.

There will be comedy from The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre, a hilarious show of sketches and songs from a double act that made a splash at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

A master of the Highland and border pipes will be showing off his extraordinary skills later in the evening. Fred Morrison, who also plays Irish uilleann pipes and low whistle, was named Instrumentalist of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2004. His exuberant, improvisational style has earned him an international reputation for excellence, combining Gaelic piping with eclectic influences.

His sound has been described as "the nearest thing to jazz you'll hear in Scottish piping". He is an in-demand soloist, having supported bands like Runrig and Capercaillie, and he is a founder member of Gaelic group Ceolas. He joined Capercaillie for three years, during which time he played on and helped to write music for the film, Rob Roy.

Morrison's most recent activities include helping McCallum Bagpipes to develop a bellows blow pipe, which will carry his name.

These celebrations are held in the name of Scotland's national Bard,



GAEL FORCE: Instrumentalist Fred Morrison will entertain at the Burns Night festivities

Robert Burns. Born in Ayrshire in 1759, Burns was the eldest of seven children. As the son of a poor tenant farmer, he was expected to graft on the land, but his father insisted he should also have a good education.

A tutor was employed to teach Burns and his younger brother, Gilbert. As a result, Burns became well read and he wrote his first poem, My Handsome Nell, at the age of 15. It was mainly about his love of scotch and women, with writing being another way to escape his severe circumstances.

After the publication of his first poetry collection, he became a nation-

BURNS NIGHT SPECIAL

Saturday, January 26
Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

al celebrity. But fame did not bring fortune and he took a job as an exciseman to pay the bills, while continuing to write.

Burns died of heart disease at the age of 37 and more than 10,000 people attended the burial.

Tickets to the festival cost £20. There will also be Scottish dancing workshops at 11am and noon on Saturday, costing £3 per person.

To book, call 01892 678678 or see www.trinitytheatre.net.



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SNOW WHITE

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The beautiful young Snow White is in dan-



ger when her jealous stepmother discovers she is no longer the fairest in the land. Determined to get rid of her rival, the Queen orders Sergeant Chip and Private Pin to take her stepdaughter into the woods and kill her. Unable to carry out the deed, they allow Snow White to go free. But her hopes of living safely with her new friends, the dwarfs, are short-lived when the Queen discovers the girl is still alive.

Performances start at 7.30pm with a 2pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets are £5/£3.50, from The Woolpen in Hoxton Close, Singleton, or by calling 01233 639427.

FRANKENSTEIN

Thursday, January 24
Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook

THE terrifying story of Frankenstein's monster is brought vividly to life by the Love&Madness Ensemble.

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Come along and join in Burns Night festivities

CELEBRATE Burns Night with a special night of festivities in Pluckley on Friday.

There will be a Scottish supper, bagpipes, dancing and entertainment, starting at 7.30pm. The event will be held at Elvey Farm in Elvey Lane, Pluckley.

Tickets cost £38 per person. For more information call 01233 840442 or see www.elveyfarm.co.uk.

Where's My Thing? cover rock classics at The Star

ROCK and indie band Where's My Thing? will be performing in Ashford on Friday.

The band plays cover versions of hits by a wide range of artists, including the likes of U2, Spinal Tap, Nirvana, Ash, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Placebo.

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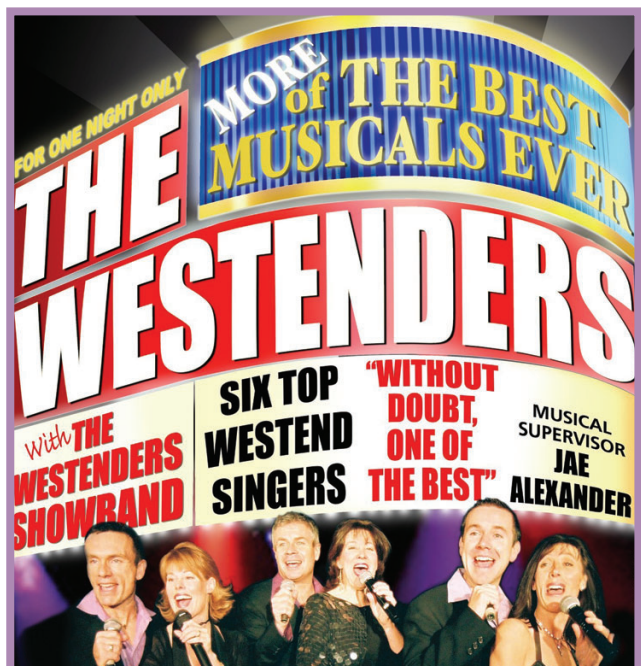
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This old man's feeling bright

■ BY ROBIN WALKER

TOMMY LEE JONES, like the screen characters he usually plays, is a brusque man of few words with a Texan drawl and old-school politeness. Don't expect him to bare his soul for publicity's sake and you'll get along just fine.

The part-Cherokee Texan of predominantly Welsh-extraction has made a career out of depicting stoic men as weathered as the lines on his face. His two latest roles are a case in point – a grizzled sheriff pining for the old days in Joel and Ethan Coen's *No Country For Old Men* and the anguished father of a casualty of the Iraq War in Paul Haggis's searing *In The Valley Of Elah*.

Both films slice into the dark underbelly of modern America. In *No Country For Old Men*, a psychopath (Javier Bardem) kills at random while drug gangs wage war as things get out of control in Texas.

Meanwhile, *In The Valley of Elah* deals with a grieving former military police investigator seeking the truth about his son's AWOL death. Best known for the *Men In Black* special effects blockbusters, Tommy Lee maintains he isn't making any personal political statements about the state of American society with his two latest projects.

"I don't consider my private feelings to be relevant in any way," he says. "I don't have any political statements to make other than what you can see or discern from looking at my work."

Nor should you read any underlying pessimism into the choice of films. "My world view is pretty bright. I enjoyed making those two films," he states.

No Country For Old Men is set in the unfor-

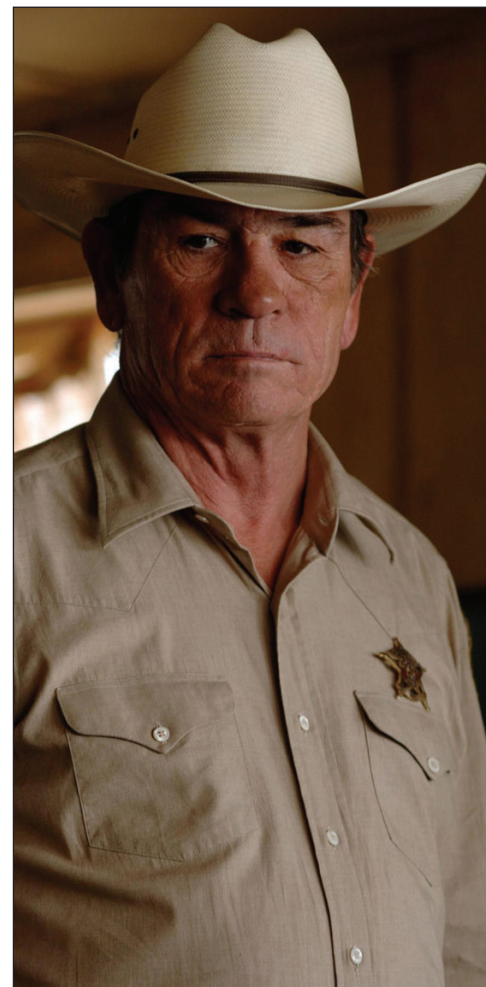
giving Texas borderlands during the 80s, as drug money and armed gangs from Mexico began to tear hard-bitten communities apart at the seams. Tommy Lee's sheriff longs for a quieter time when the bad guys didn't have Uzis.

In *The Valley of Elah* is a jaundiced look at how President Bush's controversial invasion of Iraq has hurt many American families on a personal level.

The film is based on a real case in 2003 when Iraq war veteran Richard Davis was fatally stabbed. It highlights the violence that can follow servicemen home.

The nearest this tight-lipped star ever got to making a political stand was speaking up for his friend and former Harvard classmate Al Gore in 2000.

He studied English literature there before moving to New York in 1969 and falling into acting. Through stage, television and then



INTEGRITY: Tommy Lee Jones looks for good character

films he has built up a reputation for playing strong characters with deep emotion.

Married three times, and a father of two with second wife Kimberlea, these days he spends much of his time with third wife Dawn on his 3,000 acre ranch near San Antonio, Texas.

He likes to live close to his roots but isn't one of those stars who denigrates Hollywood: "I actually like the movie business and work at it all year round, as well as ranching. One is not an antidote to the other, more a complement to the other."

"You just look for good parts and good stories. Characters with no integrity are just as interesting as characters with lots of integrity."



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■ BY GINNY WARNER

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There was a whoosh of air, a whizz of the zip-line, and I landed on the next platform within seconds, having not taken in any of my surroundings!

Having got one under my belt, I started to get the hang of it and enjoy it a bit more, although I still didn't see an awful lot of wildlife. I suspect most of it had been scared off by all the foreigners hurtling through the trees.

During the 30-minute journey to the Rainforest Canopy Adventure, our driver Neville had stopped to show us breadfruit and starfruit trees, mahogany, nutmeg and cinnamon trees, bamboo – which can grow 12 inches in a day – and of course bananas, the island's second biggest industry after tourism.

I'm relieved to say the second sightseeing trip we organised during our holiday, to the



STUNNING: Wherever you look beautiful scenery surrounds you on the Caribbean island of St Lucia

island's former French capital, Soufriere, didn't involve re-enacting a Bushtucker Trial from I'm A Celebrity.

Our driver this time, Edmund, was happy to stop for us to take photos of places of interest en route, including two fishing villages, Laborie and Choiseul, and St Lucia's famous twin mountains, the Pitons, which are a World Heritage Site.

First we went to the Sulphur Springs – the world's only drive-in volcano. Part way in we

joined informative local expert Christina for a close-up look on foot and to 'enjoy' the delicate eggy aroma.

Edmund then took us to the Toraille waterfall for a refreshing dip before driving to the nearby Botanical Gardens and the Diamond Falls.

We ended our trip in Soufriere itself, whose impressive waterfront area was the setting for the film *Romancing The Stone*. Unfortunately we had to cut our visit short because of a tropical downpour. Well, it was still the rainy season and, after all, that's what makes this island – dubbed La Belle Helene – so green and lush.

In between trips we were happy to relax at our hotel, Coconut Bay Resort & Spa.

My teenagers spent hours in the pool, playing games such as volleyball with their new friends, or splashing about on the waterpark slides and in the 'lazy river'. They also worked their way through the menu of non-alcoholic cocktails at the swim-up bar and sampled the different burgers available from the beachside grill.

I relished the escape of the adults-only pool, where I could soak up the sun and read my book with only the sound of birds singing and the Atlantic waves breaking on the beach as background – rather than the music and happy holiday noises around the family pools.

At the end of the holiday the hotel's proximity to the airport was a bonus as we were able to stay by the pool to grab some final rays until just two hours before our flight home. It was hard to tear ourselves away and we hope to return soon.

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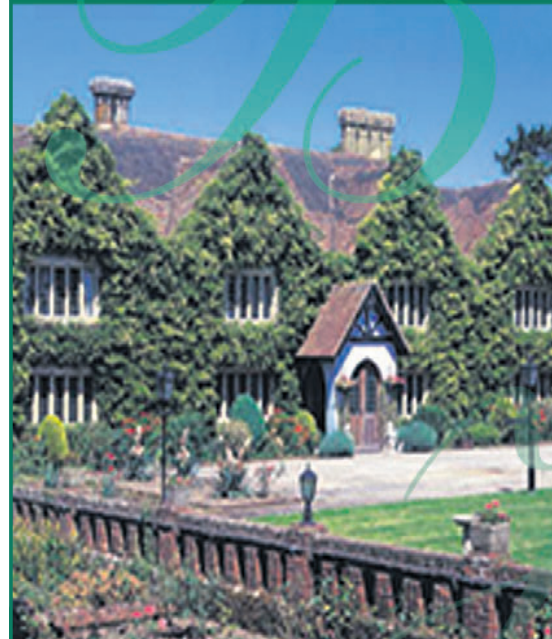
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PICK OF THE WEEKEND

BBC one

SATURDAY: MATCH OF THE DAY (10.25pm): As the football season heats up, Gary Lineker presents a round-up of all the day's Premier League matches.

SUNDAY: EASTENDERS (3.10pm): Catch up with the week's comings and goings in Albert Square in this afternoon's two-hour omnibus edition.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (11.30pm): Woody Allen, Mia Farrow and Michael Caine star in this Academy Award-winning film following three sisters living in New York and their relationships.

SUNDAY: AN OTTER IN THE FAMILY (5pm): Documentary following TV presenter Philippa Forrester and her partner after this adopted an other club called Grace who needs to return to the wild.

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SATURDAY: HANNIBAL (10pm): Anthony Hopkins returns as Hannibal Lecter in a gruesome sequel to Silence of the Lambs. Julianne Moore takes over the role of FBI agent Clarice Starling.

SUNDAY: DANCING ON ICE (6pm): The stars return to the ice in an effort to get through week three of the contest and win your phone votes. Results show is at 8.30pm.

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SATURDAY: ER (8pm): It's another busy day in the emergency room of Chicago's County General as the team face treating two wounded police auxiliary officers.

SUNDAY: GORDON RAMSAY COOK-A-LONG LIVE (8pm): Another chance to see the celebrity chef encourage you to cook a three-course meal in just one hour.

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SATURDAY: ONLY THE LONELY (6.10pm): John Candy, Ally Sheedy and James Belushi star in a bittersweet tale of a cop trying to leave home and his strong-willed mother after falling in love.

SUNDAY: YOUNG GUNS II (6.50pm): Entertaining Wild West romp featuring the Eighties Brat Pack stars of Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland and Christian Slater as Billy the Kid and his gang of wanted men.

Kevin's out in the cold over his grand designs

■ BY GEMMA QUADE

"I'M bloody freezing on a building site in Kent, traipsing through mud," says Kevin McCloud, presenter of Channel 4's Grand Designs, when I ask him where he is during our phone conversation.

Not that he's complaining. The 48-year-old says he loves his job, despite enduring the cold and the damp on location.

When we speak, he is visiting a project that he hopes will be shown towards the end of the new series of Grand Designs which began its new run last week on Channel 4. He says hopes because the build is currently running horribly behind schedule.

"No doubt we'll be filming the final spools six days before transmission," Kevin groans good-naturally.

"It's a super-technology house where the building itself collects heat from the sun, stores it underground and air conditions the house. It's a prototype house and it's very exciting technology, plus it's green."

Other treats in store this series include a couple who have to build 60 per cent of their new house underground in order to keep within height restrictions in their Grade 2 listed area, a Gothic-style home in Monmouthshire and a beautiful stone building made of interlinking decagons.

After 10 years of Grand Designs, Kevin is still excited by the show. To celebrate Channel 4's 25th anniversary last year, viewers were treated to a repeat of his favourite project, Ben Law's self-sufficient woodland home.

But what about the worst? Well, if any of you saw the last series, you will probably remember a pretty hideous houseboat in Kent, and



DEDICATED: Kevin McCloud travels all over the country to view the various projects he works on for the show

you may also recall that Kevin didn't hold back on his criticism of the project.

"It was actually a very good, watchable film, but a terrible piece of architecture," he says now with a grimace.

It's this sort of honesty that viewers enjoy about Grand Designs and Kevin's presenting. But he insists he gets no joy out of being derogatory about a project into which a contributor has put their life and soul, and all their money, and tries to avoid it at all costs.

"We've pretty well always chosen projects

that I like, because what's the point of making a film about something you don't like?" the father-of-four asks.

"It's all right if it takes a week to make the show, but the whole of my life is spent doing these things, and I'm damned if I'm going to find myself getting more and more depressed and negative about the world simply because of my day-to-day work. I want to do something positive and celebratory.

"We did experimentally take on projects I didn't like, to see whether or not that would have any value, and I can categorically say that it was a complete waste of time," he says. "Architecture affects other people, so we should be building good stuff and Grand Designs should be showing good, exemplary buildings," he continues, getting into his stride.

"It's a very negative experience to make programmes that are critical and cynical and that denigrate and it's very difficult when you build relationships with people to then stand in front of them and slag their project off. Ultimately you fall into the same trap that every other programme maker falls into. It's easy to be rude about things."

Kevin leads somewhat of a nomadic life. Projects that he visits can be anywhere from Aberdeen to the South Downs, so much of his life is spent travelling from one to the other. How do he and his family cope with that?

"The filming is inspiring, even in the rain and the wind, the mud and the cold. It's the travelling that's the killer.

"It interrupts my life. Not my family – my family, frankly, come first on the list. It's my social life – I don't have one! I see my kids, but I don't see anybody else, I just end up going to a pub by myself. It's pathetic."



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Alister plays guitar in the Fat River Band, a folk outfit who perform regularly around the county.

This week we also have music from cockney duo Chas 'n Dave, proving they've still got it to a packed house at the Tap 'n Tin in Chatham, when the pair perform their classic hit Gertcha for your listening pleasure.

Or if you prefer something a little heavier you could take a look at Shameful Behavior being, well, shamefully entertaining.

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DEMONSTRATION: Maker of renowned Atkin guitars, Alister Atkin from Hersden near Canterbury, plays one of his creations as part of a special documentary for Yourkenttv.co.uk



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IN CHURCH: LD Frazier, the New York Gospel singer, performs at The Canterbury Festival in October last year. He will be at Rainham Methodist Church on Saturday, February 2, at 7.30pm.



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LIVE: Cockney duo Chas 'n Dave roll out their classic hit Gertcha at the Tap 'n Tin, Chatham. Watch the crowd go wild, and observe the unorthodox seating position favoured by Chas.

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EMPTY: Gravesend Rockers 6 Years Lost perform The Sky is Empty live at the Shrimpers Regatta on Gravesend Prom - on a rather wet and windy day. See www.sixyearslost.co.uk



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MOVING: All the way from Freetown, Sierra Leone, the Milton Margai School for the Blind create a breathtaking sound in Canterbury Cathedral as part of the Sing Freetown Tour.



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ROCK ON: Big Hair, black and white make-up and chugging guitar. Yes, it's a rock band all right, namely Shameful Behaviour rocking out at the late lamented Ashford Rocks.

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU have a choice between fulfilling selfish desires and working for a charitable cause. Choose the latter, even if it pains you to do so. A visionary like you needs to keep your eyes trained on some far away ideal. It's time to make a decision regarding a close relationship.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

LENDING money to a friend could lead to disaster. You don't want a petty thing like finance get in the way of a good relationship. A chance to broaden your horizons could put you in the path of romance. Alternately, you could have a chance to hone your artistic skills.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR insistence on having a good time could eat away at a close friendship. Lately, you haven't been there for a woman you've always admired and respected. It's not as though you're indifferent to her needs. Turn your back on selfish desires, even if it wrenches your heart to do so.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LENDING money to a man who is down on his luck won't solve his problems. This person needs professional help you can't provide. A painful career matter could finally come to an end, giving you more time for domestic pursuits. You'll soon see this disappointment is a blessing.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A RELATIVE could be making trouble for you at work. It's probably best to refuse this person's calls and emails, or your progress will be undermined. Friendship could turn to romance with very little encouragement. A glamorous work assignment is yours for the asking.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

RESIST the urge to push a loved one into going against their conscience or your relationship will be permanently strained. You could find a spacious, sunny place in a neighbourhood you've always wanted to live. Don't worry about finding the money to finance this purchase.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THE temptation to lay the law down to a relative may be great. Unfortunately, forcing them to make a decision will reflect badly on you. Back off and let your loved one make up their own mind. Fortunately, a romance will distract you from this frustrating situation.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

STOP giving way to a bossy business or romantic partner or you'll start to resent them. You've always cherished your freedom. An exciting money-making opportunity will come your way. It will involve a great deal of responsibility, but the personal sacrifice will be worth it.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU won't impress an expert with your rudimentary knowledge of their subject. It's better to listen and learn while you're in this person's presence. An authority figure will be grateful when you roll up your sleeves to do some grunt work. Take more time for chilling out.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU won't be able to keep cool any longer with a colleague who continually takes advantage of you. You've got to put an end to this unbearable situation. If you're looking for love, you could find it at a bookstore, library, or stationery store. Keep your eye open for a well-educated executive.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IMPOSING your political or religious beliefs on a close friend is a mistake. You need to agree to disagree. Let your differences enhance your friendship, rather than rob it of joy. Spending time at home alone can bring the contentment you seek. When in doubt, turn inward.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

BEWARE of pushing yourself too hard. Treat your body like a temple, at least for this week. Going on a business trip or adding to your skills and qualifications will open new doors for you. If you're given an opportunity to do something new, grab it with both hands.

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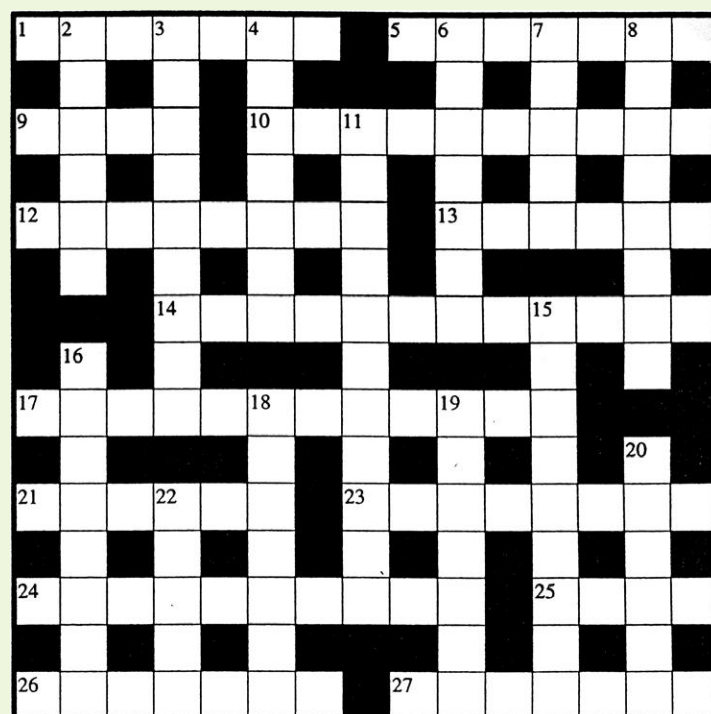
ACROSS

- 1 Led out behind grating to find hotplate (7)
5 Lack the cause of that fonder feeling (7)
9 Leave out jump over rope (4)
10 Cause someone to be disappointed with song Denis composed first (10)
12 Herb's divine first of all (8)
13 Fix it firmly in some rancho readily (6)
14 What one might expect to earn from the firm (6,6)
17 How one in the driver's seat will control the horsepower (4,3,5)
21 Call in question removal of pop-gun (6)
23 Stuck in an area of hard water (8)
24 Tall serviceman? (4,6)
25 In fog it might be deposited on eastern edge first (4)
26 Lower in rank (7)
27 Little room with Stan performing - he's athletic (7)

DOWN

- 2 Stopping without starting and doing some gardening (6)
3 Gloomy journalists in action (9)
4 Wrecker having diluted concoction (7)
6 Benjamin and I accepted girl, one coming from SE Asia (7)
7 It's to do with morals of some of the thickest! (5)
8 Do battle for a starter (8)
11 Saddest rani struggling to make uniform (11)
15 Accelerator removed from Con's motor (9)
16 Include many a broken promise (8)
18 A ton of land (7)
19 Plenty I distributed inappropriately (7)
20 Problem in a rising hostility (6)
22 Gus heroically included the doorkeeper (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Slander (7)
5 Tummy (7)
9 Hebrew prophet (4)
10 Habitual lewdness (10)
12 Male horse (8)
13 Treble (6)
14 One of the last four (12)
17 Tissue (12)
21 12% (6)
23 Great skill (8)
24 Railway track repairer (10)
25 Expression of disgust (4)
26 Charm (7)
27 Vast (7)

DOWN

- 2 Meteor (anag.) (6)
3 Revealed (9)
4 Bluish-white element (7)
6 Somerset town (7)
7 Muslim leader (5)
8 Negligent (8)
11 Heir (11)
15 Way of living (9)
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18 Level of command (7)
19 Termini (anag.) (7)
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CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No19

ACROSS: 1 Storkbill 7 Erse 9 Climbake 10 Speech 11 Kite-flying 14 Anathema 15 Lahore 16 Bypass 18 Disunite 20 Night-nurse 23 Insect 24 Nonsense 25 Scut 26 Rheumatism.
DOWN: 2 Toll 3 Romp 4 Shack 5 Inertia 6 Lustful 7 Everything 8 Second-rate 12 Unhygienic 13 Attachment 17 Senator 18 Derange 19 Sternum 21 Vent 22 Isis.

QUICK SOLUTIONS No20

ACROSS: 1 Traduce 5 Stomach 9 Amos 10 Debauchery 12 Stallion 13 Triple 14 Semifinalist 17 Handkerchief 21 Eighth 23 Artistry 24 Platelayer 25 Yuck 26 Enchant 27 Immense. DOWN: 2 Remote 3 Disclosed 4 Cadmium 6 Taunton 7 Mahdi 8 Careless 11 Beneficiary 15 Lifestyle 16 Carillon 18 Echelon 19 Interim 20 Crocus 22 Hatch.

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BIRTHS

ADAMS

Tommy-lee Adams born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Graham and Tasha of Southborough, and a little brother for Jack.

ALEXANDER

Chloe Louise Alexander born on 29th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Ben Alexander and Louise Homewood in Snodland. Thank you for making us both very happy!

BELL

Clive and Michelle are proud to announce the birth of their son Billy Connor Gerrard Bell, born on the 31st December 2007.

CHIBANDA

Emily and Tawanda are delighted to announce the birth of Gabriel Tawanda Brett Chibanda, our wonderful baby boy born on 21 December 2007 at QEQM Margate.

CLARKE

Phillip and Elizabeth of Aylesham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Pauline Jeanette, on 2nd January 2007.

COINON

Emily and Stephane of Gravesend celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlotte Emily born on 5th January 2008. Baby sister to Anais.

COLLINS

Sarah and Tony are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Eloise Joyce. Grandchild to Bill and Margaret Kipling and the late Patrick and Joyce Collins.

CRANDLEY

Alfred Charles weighing 9lb 5oz, born on 22nd December 2007 to proud parents Samantha Howland and Richard Crandley.

DOHERTY

James Cambell. Born on the 30th November 2007. Son of Julie Doherty. Little brother for Criston.

FORD

Joshua John Ford born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Colin and Naomi Ford of Eythorne.

GAMLEN

Michelle and Kevin are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twin girls Bethany Faye and Katie Elise, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM. Sisters to Amy, Zoe and Lauren.

GORBUTT

Christopher and Karen Gorbutt of Sevenoaks are proud to announce the birth of their son Charlie James Gorbutt, born 6th January 2008, weighing 9lb 3oz.

GRAY

Diana and Mark of Birchington are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Rihanna Alma Grace, born on Christmas Day 2007. The best present ever.

GUMBRILL

Lee and Katie of Faversham are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Lee Graham-John, on 5th January 2008. A new baby brother for Ella and Harrison.

HADLER

Scarlett born on the 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Carl and Nikki Hadler in Dover.

HALL

Cameron Jack Robert Hall born on 7th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Helen and Jay and brother to Alfie and Ashton in Ashford.

HINTON-BURT

Amanda and Stephen announce the birth of their son Jacob on 8th December 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz.

HUNSLEY

Ceri Adams and Anthony Hunsley celebrate the birth of their son Ryan James Hunsley on the 30th December 2007.

KEARNEY

Ellis Micheal born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Natasha and Myles Kearney in Dover.

KING

Karl and Lisa King of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlie Summer King on 25th December 2007.

McGREGOR

Niamh McGregor born on 1st January 2008 weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Stuart and Emma in Swanscombe.

MITCHELL

Mark and Sharon of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harry James on 19th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz.

MULLIGAN

Isla Kate born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Peter and Hayley Mulligan of East Grinstead.

NEVIANI

Harley Neviani born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 5lb 7oz. Son to Charlene and Steve Neviani in Ashford. He is the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

REEVE

Stephen and Vanessa of Birchington celebrate the birth of their son Louis Stephen on 2nd January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. A welcome brother to Rebecca and Charlotte.

REEVES

Laura and Jason Reeves of Cranbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlet Hope on 31st December 2007.

ROWE

Michelle and Shane of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Eden Ellen, born on 4th January 2008 at QEQM. Sister to David, Darren, Chelcie and Jack.

SPICER-HALE

Nick and Anita of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, James Nicholas Spicer-Hale, on 7th December 2007.

TOMPKINS

James and Sue of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charley Emma-Anne Tompkins, on 9th December 2007.

TOSUNLAR

Jane and Fevzi Tosunlar celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby on the 22nd December 2007.

TRINDER

Lisa and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Elliot Mark Trinder on 30th December 2007.

WHELAN

Helen and Philip of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Luke Francis Barry, born on 15th December 2007 at QEQM.

DEATHS

BARCLAY

Michael David of Tonbridge passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th January 2008. A loving husband, father and Grandfather (Pops) will be sadly missed. Family flowers only. All donations to MND. Enquiries to Boormans Funeral Directors at Tonbridge.

COCKSEGE

Tracey Cocksedg of High Halstow passed away peacefully after a long illness on 9th January 2008, aged 39. Funeral service at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, on 22nd January at 11am.

CUTTING

Ian Mark passed away suddenly on 31st December 2007 aged 47. A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Greatly missed by his wife Fiona and beloved daughter Niamh.

DEVALL

May Ethel Devall of Hextable, formerly of Bermondsey, passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Albins Funeral Directors of Bermondsey.

FRANKLIN

Carole Ann Franklin of Chart Sutton passed away peacefully on 8th January 2008 aged 62years. Funeral Service at 1.15pm at Vinters Crematorium Maidstone.

GAMBRELL

Esmie Doreen Gambrell died 16th December 2006. Last known address would have been Tickenhurst Farm Easry near Sandwich. Contact Martin Watts at Brambledown, Lower Street, Tillmanstone, near Deal CT14 0JD.

GREEN

Elizabeth May died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to Clare Savory Wallside House 12 Mount Ephraim Road Tunbridge Wells 01892 515121.

LEMAN

Alfred Leman of Ramsgate died peacefully on 4th January 2008. Funeral Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on 25th January 2008. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

LOVERING

Paul Alan of East Malling passed away on 9th January at the Heart of Kent Hospice. Enquiries to Viners of West Malling 01732 842485.

MORRIS

Harry Morris formerly of Northfleet passed away on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to A.W. Court, Grafty Green 01622 850840.

PIKE

It is with great sadness that we announce that George of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 11th January 2008. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral details from A Welch and Sons of Herne Bay Flowers or Donations to League of friends Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Herne Bay.

PIPE

Mona Agnes Pipe of Benover, Yalding, widow of Cable, died peacefully at home on 8th January 2008, aged 98.

TOMSETT

Derek Ivor Tomsett of Stockbury passed away peacefully at home on 30th December 2007, aged 82.

WEBB

The life of Harriet Jessie Webb beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother will be celebrated at St Albans Church, St Albans Road, Dartford at 11am Tuesday 29th January 2008. Flowers will be welcome for the decoration of the Church.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Greener housing is the way to go

ENERGY efficiency and the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the EU is a hot topic in the world of property.

Is it worth investing in making improvements now, before this legislation is implemented next autumn?

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw letting and property management agent, said: "New regulations already apply to HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy) and we expect that by autumn 2008 all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates.

"So, if landlords are refurbishing or doing major works, they should consult their local building regulations officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are: Cavity wall and loft insulation are cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high-efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls. A combi boiler saves space as well as energy. Finally, replace appliances with ones displaying the Energy Saving Recommended logo.

Ms Nicholls added: "Although energy efficiency is unlikely to be a priority for all tenants, escalating utility bills have raised awareness of running costs and tenants do sometimes ask to see previous heating bills, for example."

Price conundrum as polls all differ

POLLS concerning an upturn or downturn in the price of houses varied this month, due to the variety of sources they draw information from.

Rightmove and Home.co.uk are both based on asking prices, but their monthly inflation rates show prices moving in opposite directions.

Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of Centre for Economics and Business Research said: "The poll of all the different polls show house prices have now flattened. The economic news confirms the UK economy will, at best, slowdown in 2008 even if it avoids a recession.

"Most economic commentators think house prices will fall in 2008. Evidence suggests 2008 will be the worst year for house prices since 1995 when house prices fell by 1.7 per cent."



AT RISK: Over 100,000 homes are meant to be built in the South East over the next ten years, but the wording of the Housing Bill could threaten the future of such plans

Could new homes be coming under threat?

■ BY NICK AMES

MORE than 100,000 new homes scheduled to be built in the South East by 2020 are at risk because of poorly worded legislation which could lead to the effective nationalisation of independent housing associations.

The National Housing Federation is warning that the Housing Bill, which is currently going through parliament, would allow ministers to exert so much control over associations that they could be reclassified as public sector bodies – meaning they would no longer be able to lever in billions of pounds of private money to match public subsidy.

During the past two decades, housing associations have been able to raise more than £35bn of private finance to spend on new and

existing homes, in addition to the £30bn that ministers have invested in the sector – making its funding model one of the most successful public-private partnerships of all time.

But the level of state control set out in the bill is so great that the federation believes the Office for National Statistics could reclassify housing associations, which are classed as voluntary and community organisations, as public bodies when it compiles the Government's accounts.

Under the accounting rules, public bodies are not allowed to borrow money privately as this would count against the public debt.

The proposed move could threaten the 104,406 homes set to be built in the region over the next 12 years.

Federation chief executive David Orr said: "We are very supportive of the Government's commitment to tackle the nation's housing crisis, and housing associations are keen to do whatever they can to respond.

"However, we are shocked that the Housing Bill, as it is currently drafted, would create a real danger of associations effectively being nationalised.

"We feel certain that the threat to the independent status of housing associations must be the result of poor drafting and not the intention of the Government.

"Unless ministers amend the bill we are genuinely concerned that housing associations will be reclassified as part of the public sector, and therefore unable to continue with their tried-and-tested financial model – putting a major plank of the Government's housing delivery programme at risk."

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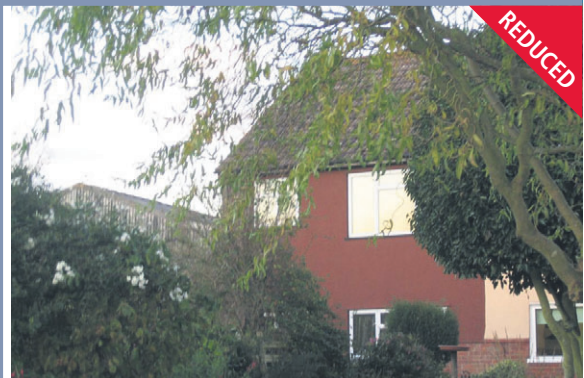
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MOTORS NEWS



New Jag cleans up at motoring 'Oscars'

JAGUAR has had a boost ahead of the launch of its spectacular XF replacement for the S-Type – the car arrives in the next few weeks with a What Car? Magazine 'Car of the Year' tag on it.

The new big cat beat 14 other category 'Oscar' winners at the 2008 awards to take the overall title.

What Car? editor, Steve Fowler, said: "The XF has it all – it looks fantastic and has a classy, futuristic interior that gives it a real sense of occasion.

"On top of that, it's great to drive, whatever mood you're in, and is a sound ownership proposition too."



Skoda loads up an insurance bargain

SKODAS Fabia Estate spin-off has put down a marker in the supermini load lugger sector by securing the cheapest insurance rating in the class.

The base model 1.2 (70bhp) version falls into the 2E band – the lowest of any supermini estate – while the highest is just 4E for flagship models.

The new estate is also better looking inside and out and more capacious than its predecessor, complementing a much improved overall Fabia line-up from the VW-owned Czech value brand.



Why MINI means more

MINI by name and 'mini' by nature it seems, for losing value – BMW's retro star was the UK's slowest depreciating car in 2007, according to Parker's Car Guides.

And the trend seems set to continue, it says, with hassle-free five and eight-year servicing deals, plus impressive fuel-saving technologies fitted on cars from autumn 2007.

The next best 'value miser' according to Parker's was the versatile Honda Jazz supermini holdall, with other front runners being: 3 – Perodua Kelisa, 4 – Citroen C1 and 5 – Perodua Myvi.



EXTRA INSURANCE: The Sportage not only has a new look, it also comes with the same revolutionary seven-year/100,000 mile warranty Kia first launched with the Ceed

Sportage comes with longer life guaranteed

ROAD TEST KIA SPORTAGE

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

OK, there are subtle visual changes to the Sportage – body-colour bumpers as standard, larger door mirrors, new grille and headlamps and revised and more comfortable European-influenced seating – but I was also impressed with the dynamic improvements.

The Sportage always rode and handled well, but Kia has really tidied things up. Steering and braking efficiency is also better, while cabin refinement is much improved.

Perhaps most surprising though is the new-look Sportage's off-road clout in 4x4 trim. It is no Land Rover Freelander 2, but is priced from nearly 12 grand more than the Sportage and the diesel I tried had the measure of a muddy forest track and a foot deep stream – more than most owners would ever tackle.

As you would expect from Kia, standard kit is generous and includes air-con, six airbags, alloys and all-round electric windows and mirrors. The new flagship trim, Titan, includes electronic stability control, cruise control, leather seats, privacy glass, heated seats and an electric sunroof, yet starts at just £17,795.

Kia now reckons on a 30 per cent increase in Sportage volumes – I think that's guaranteed.



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03 (03) FORD FIESTA 1.4 LX semi-auto 3 door hatch, met silver, full service history, only 16,000 miles, long MOT, EW, PAS, central locking, alarm, hi-fi, only 1 former keeper.

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98 (R) MAZDA MX5 sports convertible, racing red, long MOT, Air conditioning, PAS, EW, central locking, recent alloy wheels fitted, alarm immobilizer, CD.

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02 (02) PEUGEOT 406 RAPIER 2.0 SALOON, met silver, only 50000 miles, full service history, Air con, Air bags, alarm immobilizer, CD, alloy wheels, 1 former keeper.

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01 (Y) VOLVO V40 1.8 S auto estate, Met Gold, Full service history, only 69000 miles, long MOT, PAS, EW, EM, remote locking/alarm, Air con, CD, alloys.

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94 (M) BMW 325 TURBO DIESEL 4dr, stunning citrus yellow, grey velour trim, long MOT, PAS, EW, EM, Air bags, RCL/alarm, CD hi-fi, lowered, clear lights, etc.

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95 (N) TOYOTA GRANVIA 3.0, Turbo Diesel, automatic, dark metallic blue, full privacy glass, very low mileage, PAS, Air con, Air bags, EW, EM, electric sun roof x 2, 8 seater

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PUNTO, 1.2 16V Dynamic 5dr Speedgear Auto, 120201127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, baltic grey, 8517 miles, £4999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, LX 5dr, 5552079, rear wash/wipe, central locking, electric front windows, air bag, radio cassette, power steering, sunroof, cloth upholstery, blue, 61500 miles, £2495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Flight 3dr, 5571079, sunroof, rear wash/wipe, central locking, cd player, radio, air bag, power steering, height adjustable seat, alloy wheels, red, 46000 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 TDCi LX 5dr CVT Auto [110] [Euro 4] (2006 - 20, 28/09/2006, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 11199 miles, £10999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 22/03/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, grey, 10850 miles, £9599, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Sport 5dr [115] (2005 - 2007), 20/02/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, grey, 12506 miles, £8999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX 5dr, 29/05/2005, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 51039 miles, £6999, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.0 TDCi CC-2 2dr, 12/05/2007, cd player abs alarm auto climate control electric windows, 101 miles, £17999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, magnum grey, 18457 miles, £8499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

KA, Now 3dr, power steering, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, uk supplied, copper glow met. 42000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Zetec Clm 3dr H/b 70PS StgIV, moonstul silver (metallic), 0 miles, £6500, Lifestyle Ford Tonbridge, Tonbridge, 0844 8446515 (TRADE)

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KA, Collection 3dr, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, uk specification, uk supplied, grey, 11847 miles, £6000, Lifestyle Ford Tonbridge, Tonbridge, 0844 8446515 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Zetec Climate 3dr, gf57heu, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, quick-clear screen, abs, air bag, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, remote central locking, electric mirrors, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear spoiler, uk specification, 14" alloys, blue, 0 miles, £6950, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 Ghia, 2002, stardust silver, 55000 miles, £4995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3,395, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, VTec Executive, a larm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, heated seats, power steering, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, I-VTEC SE, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, height adjustable seat, cruise control, radio cassette, air conditioning, twin air bags, electric sunroof, rear armrest, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 I Vtec Sport, 5dr honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher alabaster silver, 2007, 0 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £13980, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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S-TYPE, V6 Auto, Is03 ksx, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, parking sensor, rear headrests, full leather, electric seats, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric handbrake, traction control, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, cruise control, twin air bags, curtain airbags, abs, trip computer, centre armrest, alloy wheels, blue, 58700 miles, £9995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

SOVEREIGN, 4.0 Saloon 4d 3980cc auto, p 1997, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central alarmed locking, cruise control, cream interior leather, electric seats, memory seats, alloy wheels, front fog lamps, colour coded body, lots of service history. metallic silver/grey, miles, £3995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, 2.0D SE Saloon 4d 1998cc, 04 2004, speed box, full jaguar service history, cd/radio, ivory leather trim, electric windows, cruise control, electric mirrors, air conditioning, front and rear heated screens, airbags, abs, front fog lamps, alloys, immaculate condition, metallic pacific blue, miles, £12995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI LX 5dr, 01/03/2003, cd player power steering, blue, 35265 miles, £4799, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI LE, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, miles, £9995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

CARENS, Le 16v Crdi Auto, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, air conditioning, twin air bags, abs, power steering, silver, 8500 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 16v CRDI LX 5dr, immobiliser, remote alarm, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, due in soon, aluminium silver, 33000 miles, £6990, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

CARENS, Gsx 5dr, central locking, power steering, abs, air bag, electric windows, air conditioning, beige/silver, 65000 miles, £3495, Cranbrook Car Sales, Cranbrook, 01580 714007 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 110 TDI High Capacity, 10634054, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, truckman top. road tax is £180 per year on this vehicle, white, 0 miles, £7995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 TD5 Double Cab, fy54dvo, power steering, radio cassette, 4x4, 6 seater, road tax is £205 per year on this vehicle. belize green, 56000 miles, £11995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 TD5 County Station Wagon, 10830054, remote alarm, sunroof, radio cassette, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, 10 seater. road tax is £205 per year, red, 29000 miles, £15995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

LEXUS

IS, 220d 4dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, multi-disc cd player, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, headlamp wash/wipe, alloy wheels, steel grey metallic, 32451 miles, £14999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

LS430, 2002, titanium frost met with suffolk beige leather, 104000 miles, £10950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, Lxi 5dr, 5504079, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, rear spoiler, central locking, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, red, 30000 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

323, Gsi 5dr, t939 nab, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear armrest, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, traction control, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, alloy wheels, blue, 52700 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

6, TS Tdi 143ps, 2005, grey metallic with black, 25000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

6, TS D 143, 2006, grey metallic with charcoal, 31000 miles, £10495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, Sport, 19649, mazda mazda5 2.0 sport mazda mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher galaxy grey, 2006, 12101 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £13294, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i Sport 2dr, fb04tjx, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, full leather, electric front windows, cd player, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, power steering, colour coded body, automatic electric windows, electric aerial, stereo, 16" alloys, cherry red, 20485 miles, £8997, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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190, E, central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, head restraints, power steering, rear spoiler, electric front windows, electric sunroof, m.o.t. until 5th september 2008, paintwork patchy and faded, should polish up. rust to wheel arches. part exchange to clear. sold as seen with any faults. no warranty given or implied, red, £395, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone. 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

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MGF, F Vvc Sports, bd51svy, full leather, power steering, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, head restraints, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, cd player, stereo, uk specification, 16" alloys, green, 90000 miles, £4299, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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COLT, 1.3 Elegance Automatic, 2005, abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag front electric windows front fog lights half leather seats heated height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, steel grey, 950 miles, £7750, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

NISSAN

MICRA, S 3dr, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, radio cassette, uk specification, mot till june 2008, red, 82137 miles, £1995, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

MICRA, Xs 3dr, remote central locking, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, twin air bags, front fog lamps, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, 15" alloys, red, 9000 miles, £5995, Cranbrook Car Sales, Cranbrook, 01580 714007 (TRADE)

MICRA, SE 5dr, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, air bag, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, head restraints, electric windows, cd player, uk supplied, blue, 54000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MICRA, 1.6 160SR 3dr, multi-disc cd player, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, air conditioning, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, auto lighting, colour coded body, automatic electric windows, cd player, stereo, 16" alloys, silver, 5598 miles, £5699, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

206, 2002, silver, 27000 miles, £6995, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

206, Coupe Cabriolet SE Black 1997cc 2 door, 2002, cd player abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking leather upholstery alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering mileage verified immobiliser cruise control climate control, met silver / full leather, £6395, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

206, Coupe Cabriolet S, full leather, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, remote central locking, air conditioning, power hood, cd player, radio, electric mirrors, uk specification, anti-theft system, twin air bags, abs, 16" alloys, moonstone blue, 17000 miles, £8999, Marshams, Maidstone. 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 HDI SE 3dr, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, climate control, cd player, radio, stereo, aluminium silver, 63000 miles, £5490, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

206, 2.0 HDI SE 5dr, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, climate control, cd player, radio, stereo, metallic black, 22000 miles, £6490, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

206, LX, 2002, met blue, 90000 miles, £2795, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PORSCHE

BOXSTER, 3.2s, 2002, rain forest green with nephrite soft ruffled leath, 71000 miles, £13950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BOXTER, 2001, abs air conditioning alarm system anti theft protection cabrio roof cd player central locking clock special paint sport steering wheel third brake light, grey, 41057 miles, £16000, FG Barnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

PROTON

PERSONA, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette, green, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, Renaultsport 182 16v 3dr, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, alcantara leather, sports seats, cd player, climate control, cruise control, abs, black, 26897 miles, £7995, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

CLIO, Expression 16v 3dr, power steering, sunroof, central locking, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, cd player, stereo, uk supplied, 16" alloys, red, 30000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 16v Dynamique, 3dr [ac], 2003, 52250 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, 2 previous owners, black, £3989, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Maidstone, 0845 130 3275 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 1993, blue, 125200 miles, £700, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

VAUXHALL

CORSA, Design, finished in silver with black interior automatic, black, 0 miles, £7995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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If you would like to discuss this post further, please contact Vanessa Spink at KCA Dan House, telephone 01795 590635 or 07921 700585. For an application form contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

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Interview date: Tuesday 12th February 2008

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If you would like to discuss this post please contact: TONI HOWES OR
KAREN WILLOUGHBY ON 01227 454740

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REF: 412 - SERVICE MANAGERS - PRESCRIBING SERVICE WEST KENT AND MEDWAY (1 POST), EAST KENT (1 POST) Salary £28,919 - £37,543 (SCP 36 - 46) - 37 hours

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Should you wish to discuss this role informally, please contact Tracey Tipping
01622 690944

REF: 459 - COMMUNITY DRUG WORKERS - MEDWAY EAST & WEST KENT Salary £20,736 - £26,835 (SCP 25 - 33) - 37 hours

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Closing date: 1st February 2008
Interview date: End of February

REF: 460 - DAY PROGRAMME WORKERS - EAST KENT (TWO POSTS) £20,736 - £25,320 (SCP 25 - 31) - 37 hours

You will be part of a community team, providing a range of services for people with drug and alcohol problems. Working as part of the day programme team, you will be required to take a leading role in the planning and delivery of a structured holistic programme, which includes group work, assessment and key working, skills training and complementary therapies. You will need a relevant qualification and group work experience, preferably in a drug and alcohol day programme or residential setting.

Closing date: Friday 25th January 2008
Interview date: To be confirmed

For application forms contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The White Horse, The Street, Boughton
Applicant: Mrs Sharon Williams

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Supply routes under strain by extra traffic

THE Freight Transport Association says latest Government figures showing an increase in traffic confirms its research forecasting unacceptable congestion on the UK's primary trade routes.

The FTA, based in Tunbridge Wells, says the Government must take urgent steps to provide more capacity by widening motorways and building new roads, because failure to do so will place massive burdens on the UK supply chain.

FTA's director of external affairs Geoff Dossetter said: "Our concern is that growth in car traffic on key trade routes will severely inhibit supply chain efficiency, increasing costs and reducing service levels."

Rules are taxing assets

NEW tax rules likely to be introduced in April may leave Kent business owners short changed if they want to sell assets or shares, according to local company commercial lawyer Susan Jennings.

She says: "At the moment, the sale of shares can attract capital gains tax at ten per cent if held long enough, but this is set to rise to 18 per cent from April."

Business owners can call Susan Jennings on 01634 887334 or email saj@furlaypage.co.uk.

Why bosses are driven to be liable

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A RADICAL new act which holds businesses liable for crashes caused by its drivers will be introduced later this year.

The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act will hold companies responsible if their employees are involved in a fatal car crash – leaving them open to prosecution.

Under the new legislation any organisation will be guilty of corporate manslaughter if serious failures in their management of health and safety procedures can be directly linked to the accident.

Breaches will be punished with a limitless fine, with the fee depending on the level of the negligence.

A seminar discussing the full implications of the act, which comes into force on Sunday, April 6, and covers all areas of health and safety, was held at the Kent Police Lecture Theatre in Maidstone last week.

More than 100 company bosses attended, hearing from experts in the field on how they can take the necessary steps to ensure their businesses do not fall foul of the new legislation.

Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership communication manager Rachel Wall said: "One in three crashes on the road involves a vehicle being used for business purposes."

"The new act means companies really

need to get their house in order and make sure employees are driving responsibly on our roads.

"It is not enough to just have a health and safety policy to tick a box. Organisations must now be able to prove these policies are being monitored on a daily basis and if they are not they may find themselves in court."

A video clip of the seminar can be seen on our website at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



NO ACCIDENT: Companies need to take responsibility for the driving of their employees or they could find themselves guilty of corporate manslaughter under the new act



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AMBITIONS FADING: Ashford Ladies failed to overcome Tunbridge Wells

Title hopes shattered by defeat

A DEFEAT at the hands of Tunbridge Wells has dented Kent Premier League title hopes for Ashford Ladies' 1st XI.

After securing a 2-1 victory in their last game against Bexleyheath & Belvedere, Ashford knew that a win against Tunbridge would be crucial in order to keep the pressure on leaders Blackheath.

The match did not go to plan for the ladies as their defence was breached three times with Ashford only replying once.

The defeat keeps Ashford in fourth place, but wins for the three teams above them has increased the gap at the top to seven points.

The ladies will hope to get back to winning ways when they take on

HOCKEY

Tunbridge Wells 3 Ashford 1

Meopham Ladies at Ball Lane this Saturday.

Meopham are eighth in the league and in their previous meeting Ashford were convincing 3-0 winners.

The Men's 1st XI increased their lead in the Kent & Sussex Regional League to five points with a 2-1 victory against Eastbourne.

The result has extended the team's unbeaten run to 13 games.

This Saturday they will hope to boost

their promotion bid with a win against the league's basement side, Burnt Ash.

Ashford will be confident ahead of the clash, as Burnt Ash have only secured one victory all season.

A win could extend their lead over second-placed Worthing to seven points.

The second XI worked hard for a share of the points with a 2-2 draw against Eastbourne.

The team came from behind to secure the draw which places them fourth from bottom in the South Open Kent & Sussex League.

The side are now just one point behind their nearest rivals Eastbourne and a win on Saturday could move them up one place to eighth.

Barham feels the heat in Abu Dhabi

EUROPEAN Tour golfer Benn Barham carded a fourth round 72 to finish tied 63rd place in the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship.

It was the Chart Hills golfer's first tournament of the year and he was hoping to secure a place in the final two rounds of the competition. After a second round score of one under par, Barham was heading for an exit. Poor rounds by Paul Casey and David Howell helped Barham to make the cut by a single shot.

However, he was unable to match the score he produced in the second round and carded a three over par 75 and a level par final round.

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Gills manager Mark Stimson talks about his top three transfer targets

Your chance to be like Tiger

AMATEUR golfers will have a chance of testing their swing on this year's Open Championship course after the launch of the People's Open Golf Tournament.

The final of the People's Open Golf Tournament – which will be an annual event for amateur club golfers based on the same format faced by the sport's top stars – will take place a month after the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, following a series of regional and final qualifying tournaments around the UK in May and June.

One of the tournament's qualifying events will take place at Tudor Park Golf Club in Maidstone on May 28. During the regional events, competitors, male and female, will each play in a three-ball from the same tee.

The top scorers from all the regional qualifying rounds will progress to a final week of qualifying at courses around the Southport area.

Entry is £75 per player. For more details see www.pogt.co.uk.

Town boss refuses to give up play-off dreams

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Tooting & Mitcham 1 Ashford Town 1

REACHING the play-offs is still the target for Ashford Town as they clinched a well deserved point against high-flying Tooting & Mitcham.

Ashford opened the scoring with a goal from captain Sean Ray on six minutes, which was his second goal in as many games. Despite a flurry of goal-scoring chances for the visitors, the league leaders equalised on 20 minutes with a strike from John Henry-Hayden.

In the second half, both sides had opportunities but were unable to convert them and the points were shared. Nuts and Bolts manager, Steve Lovell felt it was a game Ashford could have won.

He said: "We did very well as a team. The fact that their goalkeeper was given the man-of-the-match award shows just how many chances we were creating."

"The players are very disappointed they have not come away with the three points. The dressing room was very quiet after the final whistle, which is good to see."

"It shows they are hungry to achieve more than a point against the league leaders."

Lovell hopes his side can continue their good form in February and still have something to fight for come the end of the season. Town are now unbeaten in their last three matches.

He added: "We have won one and drawn one in January and hopefully we can keep the form going."

"February is going to be an important month for us. We will have to play six games with five of them at home due to the amount of home matches we have had cancelled. If we can get maximum points from those games, the last 15 games will be very interesting."

Last week, midfielder Anthony Hogg was welcomed to The Homelands after his move from rivals Sittingbourne. Lovell told Yourashford that he will have to work hard to get into the first team.

He said: "It is great to have Hogg join the club. I think I have got a good squad of players here now."

"You only have to look at how good a club's bench is to see how good the team is."

"At the moment our bench has players that were in the starting line-up a few months ago."



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

ON THE UP: Ashford Town won a point against league leaders Tooting & Mitcham but had chances to claim all three

"They know they will have to fight to get their places back."

"Hogg is the same and he will not go straight into the starting line-up – he will have to prove he is the right player for the job."

Ashford will hope to continue their form when they take on lowly Molesey at The Homelands and a win would help close the gap on Chipstead in 12th place.

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PASS AND MOVE: Ashford forward Paul Curry had a good game for his side in the pack, but it was not enough to prevent his team from sliding to defeat at Park House

Park life gets no easier for Ashford

ASHFORD will be sick of playing Park House after losing against them for the third time this season.

They lost 36-7 and 23-5, but after last week's courageous performance against Canterbury, Ashford were up for the challenge.

Park House are riding high in the league but found the visitors have progressed considerably since the last game and were immediately under pressure from a determined Ashford side led by Charlie Vavasour.

The front row were causing all sorts of problems at the scrums and the makeshift back row were supreme in the line-out and after an entertaining first half, the referee blew the whistle for half-time with the score at 0-0.

RUGBY

■ BY YOURASHFORD REPORTER

Park House 8 Ashford 5

The second half continued in the same manner with neither side being able to get the upper hand until the 60th minute, when from a kick through by Park House, the ball was knocked-on giving them a scrum on the Ashford 22. After several pick-up and drives, their number eight collected the ball and managed to cross the line to make the score 5-0 to the home side as the conversion was missed.

Ashford responded well and were camped in the Park House half; throwing everything at their defence which seemed to be holding firm. However, with seven minutes to go, Ashford were awarded a scrum on the Park House ten-metre line and Paul Lake managed to pick the ball up from the back of the scrum and force his way over in the corner to make the scores level.

JJ Murray took the conversion but sent the ball wide of the posts.

With just two minutes remaining, the home side were awarded a penalty in front of the posts which they duly converted to make the score 8-5 and consigned Ashford to defeat.

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Eagles remain bottom after defeat

SUNDAY LEAGUE

LAST week's heavy rain limited the Ashford & District Sunday League to just two games, which included a faultless victory for Troggs.

In Division One, Ashford Eagles suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Troggs to remain bottom of the league. Five unanswered goals were scored as they marched on to claim another three points. Tom Carlton was instrumental in the victory, controlling the game from midfield.

However, The Eagles managed to keep the Troggs at bay until the half hour, with some fine saves from goalkeeper Ian Phillips. It was Carlton who broke the deadlock for Troggs, as he turned in a cross at the far post.

Troggs were three goals to the good before half-time, as Carlton set up Marcus Pearce and Richard Moon to fire past Phillips.

In the second half, Troggs continued to lay siege on the Eagles goal and score twice more before the final whistle.

Carlton netted his second of the match in a man-of-the-match display by the midfielder. Moon finished the scoring by tapping in Paul Newman's shot that cannoned off the crossbar.

The other match in Division One saw the

Picture: RYAN MILLS



WINNING RUN: Ashford Victoria were one of the teams that had their game postponed because of the bad weather

points shared between Grasshoppers and Hamstreet. The game finished 2-2 with two goals from Ricky Law for Hamstreet. Jason James and Gary Webster scored the crucial goals to earn a point for Grasshoppers.

Teams in Division Four will be back in action

this week with Ashford Victoria hoping to continue their good start to the year when they take on Highfield Reserves. Victoria have won all of their matches so far this season, with their biggest victory last time out in the 7-0 thrashing of Ashford Cavaliers.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Kennington remain in drop zone after defeat

KENNINGTON FC fell to their seventh defeat of the season on Saturday with a 4-0 drubbing by second-placed Guru Nanak.

The result keeps the Kent County Division 1 East side in the relegation zone with only a single victory all season. However, their nearest rivals Betteshanger Welfare are only ahead by goal difference.

Kennington will hope to battle their way out of the relegation zone with a win against basement side Staplehurst Monarchs this Saturday.

Reeves prepares for his most dangerous race

THREE time World Sidecar Champion Tim Reeves will be practising the 37 mile Isle of Man course this week, as he prepares to race in the prestigious Isle of Man TT.

The TT is one of the most dangerous events in motorsport as riders battle against each other at speeds over 100mph on island roads.

Reeves hopes he can learn the circuit in time so he can challenge for the win in the sidecar class. The event begins in May.

Successful Ladies put pressure on at the top

ASHFORD Ladies RFC have closed the gap on the league leaders after a 17-0 victory against rivals Canterbury.

The win was their second consecutive after a strong performance against Old Albanians last week. The two points have strengthened their position in the Women's South East League. Ashford are now on 24 points after nine games, just two points adrift of second-placed Old Albanians.

Ashford will be back in action in the league on Sunday, February 17, when they take on Hertford.

Flooding makes Town wait to claim victory

A WATER-LOGGED pitch caused Ashford Town Reserves to postpone their Kent League Division 2 match against Tunbridge Wells.

A win for Town could have closed the gap to just four points.

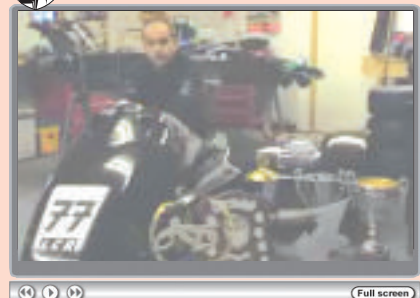
However, Ashford will put aside their league ambitions this week as they are in action in the cup.

On Saturday they will take on Cray Wanderers in the quarter-final of the First & Second Division Cup. Kick-off at Cray will be 1.30pm.

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